EARRY GREENWOOD

# Diplomatic blow to Israel mission

# Hurd shunned by angry Palestinians

From Richard Owen in Jerusalem

leading Palestinians for allegedly saying he was "absolutely opposed to a Palestinian state" as the solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute. The foreign secretary said he was misquoted.

Twenty-eight Palestin
to set in motion a genuine political process capable of achieving real peace". The Foreign Office, and Mr Hurd in particular, are regarded by Israel as pro-Arab.

Mr Hurd said last night that British policy had not altered "one jot or tittle". Anyone searching for middle ground was bound to be accused of

Twenty-eight Palestin-ians cancelled a meeting with Mr Hurd and instead held an angry press conference denouncing British policy.

The rebuff was a further blow to Mr Hurd, who had angered Israeli leaders before he arrived in Jerusalem by condemning the killing of 21 Arabs at the Temple Mount.

The incident yesterday accentuated Western difficulties in the wake of the killings, in spite of Britain's successful efforts to achieve a com-promise UN Security Council resolution. Diplomats said that had proved unsatisfactory to both Israel and the Arabs, and there was confusion over Western "linkage" between the Palestinian question and Imag's invasion of Kuwait

The Palestinian leaders yes-terday said Britain had altered its stance on the Palestine Liberation Organisation and had engineered a resolution

### DISIDE. Trainer held after doping

racehorse trainer, was being questioned last night by South Yorkshire police after the doping of two borses at the Doncaster St Leger meeting last month.

Browne was champion amateur National Hunt jockey in the early 1980s. Police who travelled to Lambourn yesterday said that a man had been arrested ......... Page 40

Petrol price war

A petrol price war started in earnest last night as Shell cut its four-star by 8.6p a gallon and BP responded by adding 4.5p to a 4.1p cut made earlier .... Page 2

Hospital penalty Money allocated for reducing Britain's 900,000-patient hospital waiting lists will be withdrawo from health auth-

### Nuclear fund

Sir James Goldsmith, the multi-millionaire who stunned the City by giving up his business career to concentrate on environmental issues, is to fund a nationwide campaign against Britain's Don't all rush, page 14

Lockerbie claim Two of the 259 passengers on the Pan Am jet blown up over Lockerbie could have survivcd the 31,000ft fall and might have lived with immediate expert attention, a professor of forensic science said... Page

### Yeltsin attack

Committees and commissions of the Soviet parliament were silent last night on their response to President Gorbachev's moves to a market economy, but Boris Yeltsin leapt to the attack, apparently seeking a place in the top 

### Power from sea

British mining engineers are working to harvest electricity using the temperature difference between the seas' warm surface and deep polar waters found in tropical and sub-tropical depths 1.000 metres Science, page 20

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pouglas Hurd was that lacked "commitment to yesterday shunned by concrete and effective action leading Palestinians for to set in motion against capable of

was bound to be accused of bias by extremists on either side, he said. Attention must not be distracted from the main priority: the removal of President Saddam Hussein from Kuwait. That could then be followed by progress on the "unfinished business" of the

Palestinian question.

Mr Hurd again urged Israel to find a way of accepting the UN secretary-general's mission to investigate the Temple Mount shootings. Israel objects to interference in its sovereignty and will publish its own findings next week.

Hard questions were being asked yesterday about why no one on the foreign secretary's staff or at the British embassy. in Tel Aviv had alerted him to the fact that the first item on the Israeli television news on Tuesday evening was a report that Mr Hurd had expressed strong opposition to a future state of Palestine during pri-vate meetings with members of the Knesset. British officials did not issue a denial until 11 o'clock yesterday morning, by

which time Palestinians had

announced their boycott.

The official statement said: "The British position is wellknown; it hyours self-determmation for the Palestinian people. Whether or not that leads to a Palestinian state is a matter for them, and for negotiation. It is very regret-table that leading Palestiniansshould have taken this incorrect information and used it as a reason for calling off the talks." The Palestinians were "missing the opportunity to out the views of their people to someone who has consistently

their cause in discussions with the Israeli government." In a statement of their own, the Palestinian leaders praised Mr Hurd's "courageous and principled stance" in defending Palestinian human rights and self-determination, but accused Britain of backing away from recognition of the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people. They demended an arranging of the demanded an upgrading of the diplomatic status of the Pal-

stressed the importance of

estine mission in London. Mr Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, told Israel Radio

Britain "did not support the Mr Hurd described this as inaccurate, adding: "It is inconceivable that I would use a private meeting at the Knesset to announce a major change in

British policy."

In the heated atmosphere after the Temple Mount shootings, the smallest remark is apt to be magnified. Mr Hurd ruefully acknowledged this by saying that he had realised during his short visit to what extent Jerusalem was "a cockpit of tense and

conflicting emotions". The Anglo-Israeli relation-ship has often been a bruising experience for visiting British ministers. Yesterday's debacle revived memories of the 1988 visit to Gaza by David Mellor, then a Foreign Office min-ister, when be raised Israeli hackles by upbraiding an army

Mr Hurd said he had refrained from repeating in pub-lic criticism of Israel he had voiced before arriving because he thought it better to make the same points to Israeli leaders "quietly, not in a shouting voice" and to listen to the Israeli replies in the

arrival statements were cancelled at the last moment, as a mark of Israeli displeasure. He honed that he had been able to put "the other side of the argument" to Israeli leaders in a manner which may eventually prove persuasive".

Israel and Britain agreed fully that the priority was reversing Iraqi aggression, and Israel deserved praise for "wisely keeping a low profile" PLO had made a "scrious mistake" by supporting Iraq, but a lasting settlement would still require the reconciliation of Israeli and Palestinian nationalisms through Israeli talks with "representative

Palestinians". Arab leaders objected to this, saying it suggested Britain was supporting the Shamir government's concept of a non-PLO alternative leadership in the occupied territories. Mr Hurd said a Middle East settlement must include secure borders for Israel as well as the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

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### Shake-up of legal aid to end income trap

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

biggest shake-up of the legal for divorce, one of the bigg drains on the civil legal aid bill. New, more rigorous tests aid scheme since it was set up 40 years ago. Officials at the Lord Chanfor granting legal aid in di-vorce proceedings may be cellor's Department are studydevised: one option would be to oblige couples to go through

ing ways of extending the scope of the legal aid scheme to people who fall within the so-called "middle income giving "last resort" legal aid trap." For the first time, civil legal aid for some kinds of claim, such as personal inju-ries, may be made available to everyone, regardless of means.

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conciliation procedures by

only for those disputes that

have to be settled by the



Downbill prospect: the Birkenhead shipyard facing closure if no buyer is found

# Cammell Laird up

By RONALD FAUX

THE Cammell Laird shipbuilding yard at Birkenhead is to be put up for sale and closed if no buyer can be found, it was announced yesterday by VSEL, its owners, Immediat redundancies among the 2,100 workforce are expected after cutbacks in defence contracts. The yard has a contract worth £200 million for three

SSK submarines for the Royal Navy, which will be com-pleted in 1993. But Noel Davies, VSEL chief executive, said yesterday that the yard, where ships have been made since 1828, no longer had a feasible future in warship building "It is a sad day, but this offers the best possible prospect for the company and

its employees," he said. Cammell Laird became subsidiary of VSEL in 1985. The warship specialists, based in Barrow-in-Furness, took over from British Ship Builders immediately before privatisation. The announcement was

greeted with sadness but little surprise by unions at the yard,

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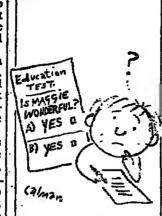
# Thatcher orders new three Rs tests

By Nicholas Wood and David Tytler

THE Prime Minister told culty" over the "mechanics" John MacGregor, the edu- of testing. But when he cation secretary, last night that emerged from 10 Downing cation secretary, last night that changes should be made to the compulsory tests that are 10 be introduced for all seven-yearolds next May.

Margaret Thatcher is understood to have sought the announcement after he had changes after reading proposals for the reading, writing and arithmetic tests. Final details will be announced within the next few days.

Before the hour-long meeting, government sources had said there was "some diffi-



Street yesterday, Mr Mac-Gregor indicated that these had been resolved. He said the meeting had been "amicable" and that he would make an put together some final thoughts on advice from the

Assessment Council. The meeting had been arranged after Mr MacGregor telephoned Mrs Thatcher at the end of last week's Conservative conference in Bournemouth. He was apparently concerned that she had supported education vouchers without his knowledge and

Schools Examinations and

Suggested a meeting.

The resultant talks were described as "across the board" and included the vouchers question. They centred, however, on the national curriculum tests, which Mrs Thatcher said should be simple but coovincing. The education secretary has already streamlined the examination council's proposals after a Continued on page 26, col 6

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# Peeress at full throttle brings Lords to a halt



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Lady Blatch:

faster than she began

By PETER MULLIGAN

PROCEEDINGS in the House of Lords came to a halt yesterday after the quickfire delivery of a statement by Lady Blatch, a junior environment minister, dis-turbed the afternoon calm

and confounded many peers. The normally sedate upper chamber adjourned for 25 minutes following complaints that its members had been put in a "totally impossible position". Observers of procedure believe that a similar adjournment has taken place only once or twice in

the last 10 years. Peers protested that they could not assess her speech without a written copy in

Shackleton, son of the famous explorer, asked if she could read it more slowly.

Television monitors around the building bore the words "adjourned during pleasure" - normally a reference to a meal break - but it was apparent that pleasure was not much involved.

The subject of her statement was the cost and staffing level of the reorganisation of the Nature Conservancy Council which is to be split up into separate agencies.

Lady Blatch, aged 53, appointed earlier this year, began by telling the House that she wished to bring it up to date on events that had occurred over the summer.

reading of the script in front of her. Copies which later reached the press box showed it to be six pages of closelytyped script. She had reached a little

over half way and was responding to concern about the reorganisation expressed in a letter to The Times by Sir William Wilkinson, chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council, wheo the interruption began.

Peers were stung to protest at her declaration that three consultants' reports about the reorganisation - which they might have used in the debale - had been put in their library last week. Lord McIntosh of Harin-

bench, commented on the complexity of her speech. While she had been personally extremely courteous, he said, it was "physically impossible" to react to her words in the absence of a copy of her text.

Lady Blaich resumed her statement, missing out half a paragraph, and hurried on to the end, appearing to some to conclude faster than sne

Lord Shackleton, who speaks from the Labour benches, supported the demand by his front bench for an adjournment. Lord Denham, the leader of House. immediately

# Auditors say 4m poli tax cases likely

charge. According to a commission report to be published next month, up to four million people face court action for not paying poll tax when the whole system is in danger of degenerating because of huge

computer software problems. The report contradicts the latest government figures. Michael Portillo, the local government minister, said vesterday that, despite a few teething problems, 85 per cent of chargepayers had already made contributions, and the non-payment campaign had failed. He told the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation conference in Scarhorough that some councillors had been actively discouraging payments, but all the indications pointed to the majority of the people in Britain liable for

community charge now accepting that they had to pay. The commission paints a picture of council officers nationally battling to keep up with a tight legislative timetable. Yet weaknesses in the system have resulted in local authorities not bothering to collect money from those eligible for rebates because of the cost involved and disincent-ives to maintain the poll-tax register, according to details from the report, revealed to-day in the local government

A DIRECT conflict was brew- magazine. Municipal Journal. ing last night between the However, the commission Audit Commission and the shows that technology shortenvironment department over falls are the main problem in the impact of the community England and Wales. The survey of more than 50 councils found that 70 per cent of them had not issued bills by the recommended date at the end of March, 75 per cent did not receive their billing sortware in time, and 30 per cent have failed to exchange informa-

tion which could have helped with teething problems. "Software problems were the major cause of delayed billing ... late delivery meant that software could not be adequately tested. The quality of software was as much of a problem as its delivery," the draft report says. One London borough is unable to process changes in its poll-tax register and therefore unable to bill new chargepayers because its software is not yet working.

Researchers also found that by the beginning of September. halfway through the financial year, six million chargepayers in England, one in six of those eligible to pay, had made no contribution. On previous experience under the rating system, one third pay up after a reminder, the report says, indicating that four to five million summonses are likely to be issued. Another third will probably settle at the summons stage, leaving three to four million liability orders likely to be made.

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# Union forges new links at GCHQ

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

growing embarrassment over the in-house staff federation, which replaced traditional civil service unions ejected from Government Communications Headquarters

dent trade union, and it has formed strong links outside GCHQ, with the EETPU electricians. At the time of the ing against that decision GCHQ union ban io 1984, the prime minister insisted that peals Tribunal, pointing to a the oational activities of civil service unions had made a ban

Concern over the status of the staff federation has become so great that Sir Robin Butler, the cabinet secretary GCHQ, may now and head of the home civil issue with the Cab service, has met GCHQ and the Treasury.

THE government is facing management and federation leaders on the issue, within the past month, in an unprecedented visit to the Chelten-

ham listening station.

Matthew Wake, the govern-meat's Certification Officer, refused the staff federation a The GCHQ Staff Federa- full certificate of indepento be dence, jasi certified as a fully indepen- grounds that GCHQ's director, io effect, had a veto on the federation's activities.

But the federation is appealrules change at its conference which now allows it, after a referendum, to affiliate to outside bodies.

Leaders of civil service unions, anxious to return to GCHQ, may now raise the issue with the Cabinet Office

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# Further rise in unemployment expected as firms feel pinch

By Staff Reporters

TODAY'S unemployment figures are expected to show another increase. Economic forecasters expect the present unemployment total of 1.654 million to rise by about another 25,000, giving the fifth straight month of increases since the figure started to rise in April.

Growing unemployment is an inevitable effect of the squeeze on demand of the government policy of high interest rates. The increase shows that the policy is working. It is also hurting, however, as companies, local job offices and unions throughout the country are showing.

Economic growth in the late Eighties has been strongest in the South-East. Employment has risen sharply there in manufacturing and services. It is also the region in which some effects of the squeeze are being felt the hardest.

The Thames Valley, strung out along the M4 corridor, and encompassing towns such as Bracknell, Slough, Newbury and Swindon, has been among the best economic performers. Now, however, unemployment is steadily rising.

According to local economic surveys, output in the area is down for the first time in three years. Labour shortages have eased, and clerical and skilled manual jobs, previously vacant, can now be filled. Unemployment is up from 2.1 per cent to about 2.4 per cent in the last quarter and, although the rise is small, it is significant that it is happening at all in an area like the South-East.

Over in the Medway area, unemployment, at about 4 per cent, is higher, but it is rising at about the same pace. In areas such as Thanet, which traditionally have higher unemployment, the jobless total is already up to 7.7 per cent and rising. North of London, in Bedfordshire and

Milton Keynes, the position is more complicated. Many companies still have staff shortages and are having to pay high wages to try to ease them. But redundancies have also been rising and many

companies are trying to increase cost efficiency by cutting staff.

In Norwich, unemployment is also rising. During the next quarter, 21 per cent of manufacturing companies expect to reduce their workforces, up from an expectation of 11 per cent. There are, however, still shortages of skilled man-

In the service sector, the position is worse, although employment service managers believe that a number of proposed schemes will increase jobs, such as 600 from a £125 million new office and retail development.

Employers in the North-West admit to 'difficult times", but avoid describing the down-turn as a recession. Perhaps the most potent symbol of unemployment pressure in the region is the appearance on Liverpool city council's agenda of redundancy schemes for its workforce to help to avoid a £19 million

The North West TUC described the

overall unemployment position in the region as "dreadful and deteriorating", with lay-offs and closures across the board, from breweries, engineering companies, the chemical industry and firms relying on defence-related contracts. "It is nearly as bad as the position in the mid-Eighties," a TUC official said. About the only growth was in tourism.

Manchester Chamber of Commerce and Industry reported that trading opportunities in the immediate future look less promising. The chamber's latest survey, covering 522 firms employing 100,000, showed that in the past three months, half had maintained workforce at the same level, 27 per cent had expanded and 21 per cent had con-

In the Midlands, the number of people unemployed in Coventry and Birmingham, where there is an emphasis on engineering, rose by 245 and 1,294 respectively between July and August. In Coventry, 6.3 per cent of the workforce

ham rose to 7.3 per cent. The new statistics are expected to show another rise. Tony Bradley, of Birmingham Cham-

ber of Industry and Commerce, said: "Home and export orders are both down. It is not good, but it is not a disas-ter. Recession is not a word I like to use, but in jobs and falling orders, the signs are there that it is becoming increasingly difficult. There will be some casualties." A survey of manufacturing prospects

for the region showed the number of companies reporting that export orders were down rose from 23 per cent in June to 35 per cent last month. There were similar figures for the home market.

In Wates, government programmes have helped, but in Aherdara, in south Wales, the closure of old coal plants and mines is pushing men on to the job market. Adult male unemployment is now about 18 per cent. Some light electronics companies, which were supposed to supply replacement jobs, are

STEPHEN MARKESON

The slowdown in the economy appears to be less marked in Scotland than in the United Kingdom as a whole, Unemployment has remained at slightly over 200,000 since spring, the May figure showed the biggest drop since the autumn of 1980 and increases during the following three months were small.

In Northern Ireland, the economy will be insulated to some extent by public sector expenditure that accounts for about two-thirds of gross domestic product in the province and by the huge annual subsidy paid from the government. However, Dr Graham Gudgin, director of the independent Northern Ireland Economic Research Centre estimates that over the next year the pnemployment rate will rise from 13.5 per cent to just over 14 per cent. This still makes Northern Ireland by far the worst UK region in terms of unemployment. despite the fall in the past three years from about 18 per cent.

### Labour in attack on training cuts

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Labour party said yesterday that a leaked government document clearly indicated the damage being done to the employment department's training programme by

cuts in funding. The attack came as it became clear at Westminster that Michael Howard, the employment secretary, had settled his department's funding for training in talks with Norman Lamont, chief secretary to the Treasury, avoiding the star chamber process of settling this year's public

spending round. An internal employment department document from the London operational office of the Training Agency said there were already "sizeable waiting lists" for places on the Youth Training Scheme, and that "the reduction in funds has resulted in some employers being reluctant to take on special needs trainees".

lı said that some work placement shortages were being reported and that further hudget cuts would mean the loss of more training providers.

Although it was too early to say whether the quality of government training had been affected by hudget cuts, training providers were cutting corners in the training offered.

The document, a memo to Ian Randall, who is responsible for further education in the Training Agency, is a local one, but Labour said that it painted a general picture.

Tony Blair, shadow employment secretary. said: 'i his memo confirms all w have claimed about the devastating damage done to training by the cuts already implemented and the absolute necessity of preventing any

further cuts next year." The employment depart-ment confirmed that the document was genuine, but said that the government was totally committed to its guarantee of a training place for every 16 to 18-year-old school leaver who could not find a job, and for other priority

The department would not disclose how much extra Mr Howard had obtained, hut said it was convinced there would be resources for future training.

Action Trust, part of the Campaign for Work pressure group, releases evidence today of training underfunding and says that the employment department needs an extra £250 million this year to fund training properly.

# Calls for pay rises above inflation are 'destructive'

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

UNION leaders calling for above inflation pay rises were described yesterday as "reck-less and destructive" and were told that 230,000 jobs could be lost for every pay rise of 1 per cent more than prices. Michael Howard, employ-

ment secretary, delivering one of the government's strongest attacks yet on the wave of high pay claims, also blamed employers for not resisting large wage demands. His warning was dismissed, however, by union leaders who said their members could not be expected to suffer the consequences of government mismanagement of the economy.

Norman Willis, general sec-retary of the TUC, said: Michael Howard may talk of reckless union leaders, yet it is the government's mishandling of the economy which has given us double digit inflation and rising unemployment. For them now to appeal for wage restraint is buck-passing on a massive scale. It is not a

policy, it is panic."

Mr Howard, speaking in London, was reflecting growing government concern over high wage claims and settlements and their effect on unemployment, which official figures to be published today will show has risen for the sixth month in succession. He said that what could be a "golden decade" for Britain was in danger of being jeopardised by calls for pay increases that considerably

outpaced inflation. "At this crucial time, such talk could scarcely be more reckless and destructive. The hard fact is that too many unions are more concerned about money than jobs," he said. "They prefer to fight for increases for employed workers now, rather than look to the future. They are far too often prepared to put jobs at

Some employers were equally short-sighted. "They sometimes prefer to concede large pay settlements which should be resisted."

He said that too many unions and employers still worshiped at the false shrine of the "going rate", a settlelevel that had been reached by some and which

goal. "This phenomenon tends to ratchet up both the initial demands of unions and the figure at which employees are willing to settle. It takes no account whatsoever of the trading or competitive position of the firm in which they work, or, worse still, of what that firm might have to do in order to meet the claim."

Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said that unions would not take responsibility for a government economic policy which was in "We have just negotiated a 16.6 per cent rise for 1,600 of our workers. We would not have done that if a single job was at risk.

John Edmonds, general sec-retary of the GMB general union, said the minister had rejected a suggestion for a coordinated wage policy, designed to avoid leap-frogging claims, to be worked out as part of a national agenda. "We challenge him to come to the next meeting of the National Economic Development Council to put forward his

Mr Howard outlined the initiatives being taken by the government to improve skills training and said there was no point in creating and sustaining a Rolls-Royce training framework if, at the end, there were no jobs for trainces.

The North-South divide will widen as the government's efforts to stem inflation bite, with unemployment rising in the North, according to a report published today.

The report, by the Employment Institute, says that the long-term economic prospects for the nation will suffer if steps are not taken immediately to bridge the North-South divide. David Blackahy and Neil Manning of Univer-sity College, Swansea, the authors of the report, recommend more funds for Training and Enterpise Councils in the North, improvements in regional infrastructure and greater efforts to reduce regional concentrations of long-term unemployment. "Britain needs to enter the Single European Market as a conglomerate of successful regional economies as a divided reached by some and which two-tier British economy is was taken as a purely arbitrary unlikely 10 thrive after 1992."



An apple a day: John Gummer, the agriculture minister, at the launch yesterday of the main English apple and pear season, where he urged growers to take advantage of the 35 per cent government grants available for the next three years for the replanting of or-chards. Mr Gummer said the call made in a report hy the British Medical Association on Tuesday for a new regulatory system governing the use of pesticides was not justified by the findings of the report alone. "I don't think there is any other country in the world where the rules are as carefully designed to pro-tect the public, and where the testing of the safety of pesticides is as exact and careful," he said.

# Paying for poor car security THOUSANDS of motorists closed to The Times yesterday ing to publish his table in could be forced to pay for their show that insurance industry April because manufacturers have done little to promote

car's poor security record through higher insurance premiums (Kevin Eason writes). The Association of British Insurers has produced plans to double the number of insurance group ratings cur-rently used for vehicles to penalise those cars with a bad record of thefts and break-ins.

Cars with high quality locks or alarm systems will be rated into lower insurance groups. But drivers wito cars that have proved easy to break into will be rated higher, costing their owners more in annual payments.

The move comes as the industry faces record losses from car crime. Figures dis-

vehicle security while a big crime are up by 23 per cent so far this year and will probably effort has gone into improving cost as much as £400 million speed and performance. speed and performance. by the end of the year.

Tony Baker, the associ- on its concern over the rapid ation's general insurance manager, said that the decision to extend the number of vehicle insurance groups from nine to 18 was to help focus attention on the cars which have a bad security record. The groupings are expected to reflect a league table of cars most vulnerable to crime being drawn up by the Home Office and the Department of Transport for David Waddington, the Home and this move is part of the

Mr Waddington is threaten- is going on."

# Shell's surprise 8.6p price cut sparks pump war PETROL prices started to Shell's petrol prices have tumble last night as two of tumbled by 12.7p in less than

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

Britain's biggest oil companies a fortnight and promise to fall fired the first shots in what further from the peak of could be a war on filling station forecourts. Shell cut the price of its petrol by 8.6p a gallon (1.9p a line) to 226.9p (49.9p) for four-star and 213.2p (46.9p) for unleaded in a move that took its competitors by surprise and sparked a round of furious activity to gain a price advantage.

BP, which earlier in the day and announced cuts of 4.1p.s gallon, reacted immediately by taking off another 4.5p to make a total reduction of 8.6p to match Shell. Jet, traditionally a company with an aggressive pricing policy, was also caught out. The company lowered prices on its 1,100 forecourts by 4p on Tuesday but was forced to cut by an extra 4p last night to keep its four-star slightly below that of Shell and BP, at about 224.6p. A Jet spokesman said: "We had to move quickly as the market is now changing rapidly. We do not want to be left

best prices we can." Esso and Texaco moved prices down by about 4p — not enough to keep up with Shell's decision. Total, however, cut its prices by 9p a gallon.

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The activity signalled the start of what could be a price war as the big companies, jostic for the best price postion, with further reductions expected over the next few days. Industry experts were predicting even greater cuts in

The association has passed

increase of car thefts and break-ins, which now account

for a quarter of all recorded crime, to Mr Waddington at the Home Office standing

conference on crime preven-

tion. Mr Baker said: "Theft is

only one element, but when

that is rising by 23 per cent a year than the alarm bells start

ringing. The latest crime fig-

ures are extremely worrying

effort to get to grips with what

often forces discounts.

by the weakening of bulk petrol prices on the Rotter-dam spot market. Prices have dropped from £236 a tonne on October 1 to £202 yesterday.

### Irish group admits to killing

THE Ulster Freedom Fighters yesterday claimed respon-sibility for the death of a Roman Catholic shot dead on Tuesday night.

The group said it killed Dermot Anthony McGuinness, aged 41, who was shot from a passing car in north Belfast as he returned from an off licence. They claimed he was a member of the Irish People's Liberation Organisation. Mr McGuinness's family strenously denied the

• Two IRA men were carrying guns when the SAS shot them dead last week, a judge at the High Court in Belfast heard yesterday. The disclosure was the first official confirmation that Dessie Grew and Martin McCaughey were armed when they were

### Young recalled

Lord Young of Graffham, the former trade and industry secretary, will be recalled by the Commons trade and industry committee next mouth to explain "the sweeteners" offered to British Aerospace in the takeover of Rover. Professor Roland Smith, BAe chairman, will also be asked to give more evidence.

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Harrier crashes An RAF Harrier pilot returning from a Nato low-flying exercise over Denmark escaped with minor injuries yesterday after his aircraft crashed near Froeslev in Juiland. He ejected 2,000ft above Limfjoden fjord. The jet struck a power line and crashed near a farm and bouses on Mors island.

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# Cranes bow to closure threat facing heart of shipbuilding

against the skyline signalling the industry on which the famous warships and mer-chant vessels has taken shape utive of VSEL, said: "As a on Merseyside.

The news that the yard may close unless a buyer is found, was greeted with little surprise defence spending would re-bound on a business that it will change things so far as relied entirely on military orders had been half expected. Management and workers Closure of the yard would be a disaster for Birkenhead and the Wirral area. Cammell Laird spends about £50 million a year, half of it on wages for the workforce of more than 2,000. A further 2,000 local

tract services for the yard. The workforce, many of Mr Davies said the change whom have shares in the VSEL consortium that owns VSEL take over had been an the yard, had grown in arbitrary decision by British anticipation of more orders, Shipbuilders. Until the debut these are unlikely to mat-fence review, the construction crialise now that the cold war has ended.

workers are engaged in con-

would be reduced from the merchant vessels would mean present 48 to 40 under the having to use someone else's

than a century. The cranes of decision on submarines ap-the Cammell Laird yard arch peared to indicate that there would be no more orders for nuclear-powered boats, at town has grown. A long line of least for the foreseeable future.

citizen 1 am delighted there should be a peace bonus, but it doesn't half make life difficult for the defence industry. The yesterday. That heavy cuts in Gulf crisis may cause some

Management and workers were confident that the yard could switch from military to civilian contracts without any workforce had a reputation for completing contracts on time. Facilities were modernised in the 1970s specifically for merchant ship production.

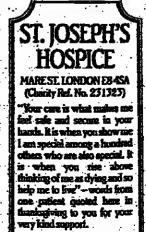
programme for the Royal Nevy had been enough to keep In July Tom King, the all the warship yards busy, defence secretary, announced including Cammell Laird, that the submarine fleet would be cut from 27 to 16 and a ship builders a number of future destroyer/frigate fleet disadvantages. For us to build

SHIPBUILDING has domi- government's "options for designs without knowledge of nated Birkenhead for more change" defence review. The the market." Frank Field, decision on submarines ap- Labour MP for Birkenhead agreed that outside warship building, VSEL did not have the skills to ensure a long-term future for the yard. "I am not criticising Vickers. Without them the

yard might have closed years

Ken Morris, convener of shop stewards, said "Heads are down at the moment but it is important we get them back up again," he said.

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have to forfeit money allocated for reducing waiting lists if they fail to reach preset targets, the health service ment executive said

The move underlines the government's determination to cut waiting lists which are now at an all-time high with 960,000 patients needing hospital admission. Of these, 200,000 have been waiting more than a year and 80,000

for more than two years.
Michael Malone-Lee, director of operations on the National Health Service management executive, said that the government was not getting a good enough return for the money spent on its waiting list initiative. Speaking at a conference held by the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, Mr Malone-Lee said that last year the government had earmarked £31 million to reduce lists but the number of people waiting for hospital admission in England rose by 5 per cent.

A £5 million project to tackle the 43 longest lists in 22 districts, headed by John Yates from the Health Management Centre in Birmingham had, however, halved the number of people waiting for more than a year. The remaining £26 million achieved only a 13.6 per cent reduction in long warting lists in the dis-

"If there is money to be allocated to regions next year, which I am sure there will be, we must have a much better return for the money," Mr Malone-Lee said Last year, he said, Mersey region had reduced the number of people waiting for treatment for more than a year by 40 per cent. "We know it can be done."

Duncan Nichol, the NHS chief executive, has already told managers that he expects all regions to set targets to achieve substantial reductions in waiting times. By the end of next year nobody should be waiting more than two years for treatment, he said. He has also made clear that managers

targets should give back any money they had received from

### **Policeman** cleared of sex assault

A POLICE constable was cleared yesterday of in-decently assaulting a woman colleague while on night patrol. A jury at Shrewsbury crown

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court took less than an hour to find Richard Gurgil not guilty of indecently assaulting Karen Clowes, a constable aged 21, and of assault causing her actual bodily harm. Miss Clowes had told the court that Mr Gurgil, who was stationed at Newcastle-under-Lyme, pulled her to the ground and kissed and fondled her after they had been called to round up some escaped cows.

Mr Gurgil, aged 26, of Miles End, Audley. Staffordshire, denied the allegations. He has been suspended since September and is now expected to have talks with senior officers

being wrongly accused of in-

decently assaulting a 13-year-

old boy won £4,000 damages

A High Court jury ruled that

Essex police were wrong to

detain Owen Leigh-Williams,

the former vicar of St An-

drew's church in Basildon,

Essex, for almost two days in

Mr Leigh-Williams, aged 57, who had his licence re-

voked by the Archbishop of

Canterbury in 1986, such the

chief constable of Essex for

damages for the loss of his job

and for mental stress and em-

barrassment. He said he was

falsely imprisoned on two

occasions, in October 1985

and September 1986, and

blamed aggressive police ques-

tioning for the delay in clear-ing him. Charges of indecent

assault and breach of the peace

The jury cleared the police

of wrongfully arresting him.

were later dropped.

September 1986.

from the police yesterday.

HEALTH authorities will the waiting list fund. "If they don't achieve the targets they cannot expect to keep the

money," he said. Earlier the College of Health announced that the govern-ment had agreed to fund a £78,000 study to set up a computerised waiting list clearing house. The college would provide a database of waiting lists in every district, to which GPs, district health authorities and community health councils would have

Marianne Rigge, the col-lege's director, said that al-though the database would be restricted initially to the information supplied by the health department, this would be supplemented, where possible, with details about in-dividual hospitals. "We will be able to say to GPs that within your region there are three hospitals where the wait-ing lists are shorter than the ones you use, and these are their telephone numbers." Mr Malone-Lee said he

supported any move to pro-vide information about hospital lists and suggested this could be extended to details about consultants' lists. Three regions, Mersey, Northern and Wessex, already collect information about the length of list of each consultant in

Miss Rigge gave a number of case histories concerning patients who should and could have been treated earlier if they had had access to waiting list information. In one case an elderly woman who had waited for two years for a hip replacement was told by her GP that it might take another two years for an operation, because the hospital had a points system and she only had 11 of the 15 points she needed for an operation.



Playing away: children kicking a football in the terraced streets of Arkwright Town after being told that they are soon likely to be on the move

## Pit villagers bemused by plan to transplant community

By CRAIG SETON

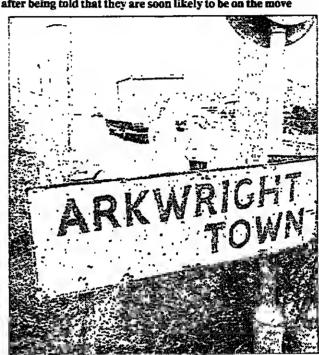
A NOVEL solution was unveiled yesterday for the villagers of Arkwright Town, whose terraced homes have been blighted by leaking methane gas from the colliery that once gave them their livelihood.

They are being asked to agree to their community being bulldozed and rebuilt a quarter of a mile away, complete with public house, school and fish and chip shop. The £15 million scheme to relocate the north Derbyshire pit village has been proposed by British Coal, which in return wants permission to develop a large open cast coal mine in the area around the former Arkwright colliery. Profits from the mining would pay for the new village.

The 400 villagers gathered in a marquee on the recreation ground to hear the invitation to swap their red-bricked terraces for new semi-detached homes, worth twice as much, in a new village on the other side of the main Chesterfield Road. They seemed amazed bemused and slightly suspicious, but generally welcomed the scheme to move away from the problem of methane gas that has dominated their lives.

The plan to build a new Arkwright, 60 years after the community was created, comes after the closure of the village colliery in 1988. Six months later methane gas began seeping dangerously into houses and a third of the 170 homes were evacuated for up to 15 days. Since then methane drainage pumps have controlled the seepage and meters have been installed to monitor levels, but residents sought a permanent solution.

The new village is almost certain to go ahead. More than 90 per cent of viliagers are said to welcome it and North East, Derbyshire district council, which has hitherto opposed open cast mining, described it as exciting and ingenious.



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### Runcie to undergo voice operation

By RUTH GLEDHILL

DR ROBERT Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is to undergo surgery on Saturday to remove a nodule

from his vocal chords. The operation, to be performed by Robert McNab Jones, a consultant, at Fitzroy Nuffield hospital, west London, will be carried out under anaesthetie. He is unlikely to be kept in overnight. The archbishop's condition

is common in people who have to project their voice frequently: Elton John, the singer, and Sean Connery, the actor, have had similar operations. Dr Runcie, aged 69, first experienced difficulties with his voice at the beginning of September. Paul Handley, his press secretary, said that the archhishop suffered after his 50-minute speech to the Headmasters' Conference in Aberdeen last month, and had to cancel some engagements during his recent ten day trip to the far East. "If he strains it [his voice] too much one day, he is almost inaudible the next."

Dr Runcie, whose voice is now little more than a whisper and occasionally emerges as a growl, intends to fulfil his commitment to speak at a service at Canterbury cathedral tomorrow to celebrate the silver jubilee of Kent university. A microphone will be provided.

He will rest for two weeks after the operation. Among his cancelled engagements are the Victoria Cross and George Cross service at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, a state banquet for the president of Italy and a final visit as archhishop to his Liverpool hirthplace.

Nodules normally develop in a public performer who has to project his or her voice. They start as bruises on the vocal chords and develop into fibrous tissue, normally because the person performs when feeling under par. If the voice is rested sufficiently, they will disappear of their

# Woman 'a human rope' in tug-of-war

The incident happened when police stopped a convoy of vehicles going to Stonehenge for a summer solstice convoy and police. festival in 1985 and started Then a vehicle making arrests, Lord Cardigan said in evidence at the High Court in Winchester, where 26 people are suing the chief constable of Wiltshire for assault, false imprisonment

One officer, who had smashed a side window in the former ambulance, reached in and grabbed one of two screaming women by the hair "and was hauling very hard", trying to pull her through the broken window, Lord Cardigan, heir to the Marquess of Ailesbury, said.

and damage to property.

"There was a most unfortu-nate tug-of-war," he said. Another officer, who had got in the back of the vehicle, had hold of the same person and "the officer on the outside, pulling her hair, was unaware of that". The girl had been pulled back and forth by her hair until the officer outside had realised what was happen-

ing and released his grip.

Lord Cardigan, who accompanied the convoy on his continues today.

Vicar wins £4,000 damages

A CHURCH of England vicar who says he lost his job after being wrongly accused of inwho conducted his own case, ing Mr Leigh-Williams as

said "I did not bring the action

for the money and will offer a

donation to the Christian

Police Association. I am

pleased with the outcome. The

whole story has been sad from

the beginning. I don't want to

The police must pay their

The Rt Rev Charles Bond,

the Bishop of Bradwell, told of

worries about Mr Leigh-Wil-

liams' ministry, particularly

his trips with boys to his

own costs, estimated at

talk in terms of triumph."

related pay if they failed to achieve them.

Yesterday, however, Mr Malone-Lee went further by saying that health authorities who did not reach these targets should give back and the strong of the s been a heated exchange between some members of the

Then a vehicle had come from the back of the convoy and driven through the hedge-row into a field. It had been followed by several other vehicles. Police manning the roadblock had been replaced by officers with helmets and drawn truncheons. They had gone down the line of vehicles banging on the sides and telling occupants to remove

ignition keys and get out. In some cases, there had been a delay between the police giving the instruction and taking action if the occupants did not respond. "In some other instances, owners were not given any time to respond and very unpleasant sanctions were taken," Lord Cardigan

Vehicles' windows had been smashed, sometimes simultaneously with the instruction to leave the vehicle. "That seemed unreasonable to me because they were not given the chance to comply," Lord Cardigan said. The hearing

intransigent and criticising his

views on the "evil" of Father

Christmas and the sanctity of

the Sabbath, including the

conviction that Sunday mara-

thon runners would go to Heil.

priest's arrest had led to the revocation of his licence.

the 13-year-old boy in Decem-

ber 1983. The boy said he was not happy at home. The vicar

called in the NSPCC and

social services to deal with the

In October 1985 Mr Leigh-

Williams gave the boy lunch

and took him swimming. The following day Mr Leigh-Wil-

harns was arrested for gross

indecency. The charge was dropped when the boy admit-

ted lying, but not before Mr Leigh-Williams had been held

for four-and-a-half days and

Later that year Mr Leigh-

Williams claims he was lying

peace. This charge was

released on bail.

situation.

The Bishop denied that the

Mr Leigh-Williams first met

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### They also accepted that the in a field in Crays Hill, Essex, police believed a breach of the when he was arrested and peace might occur on the detained for 40 hours before second occasion, but they made the award after finding being charged with a breach of he should not have been detained for 40 hours before

# Wackay supports tougher divorce laws for children's sake

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

rate without considering the needs of their children.

Instead of the present system of "quick and easy" divorce, there should be a more considered process in which couples have time to think about the children and future, he said. At the moment, the parents of 150,000 children a year solit un.

In a speech to the annual general meeting of the National Family Conciliation

reform Lord Mackay made it clear that be favours one of the commission's main proposals. which is that divorce should be a process carried out "over time", rather than the other

fences, such as robbery. The

where the offender is an adult

who has not previously served

Paul Cavadino, an official

At present only about one in

decision yesterday but said

sentences remained strong.

writes). From next summer,

THE CHRONICLE OF THE LIVES AND THES

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1955 TO THE PRESENT DAY

# Move to restrict use of jail terms

CROWN court judges will be reed to extend the criteria to a required to state their reasons range of indictable-only offor jailing offenders guilty of some of the most serious crimes under a significant change to be made in the forthcoming criminal justice

The change will reduce the number of prison sentences in favour of community-based penalties, even for those who have committed offences as serious as robbery.

Under the bill, expected this autumn, judges and mag-istrates will be required to comply with new, statutory criteria that will restrict the only offences receives a noncircumstances in which they can impose jail sentences. They will only be able to jail an offender when it is necessary to protect the public from serious harm.

The original aim, as outlined in the Home Office issued to every prisoner on white paper Crime, Justice entering jail to help to reduce and Protecting the Public, was that these criteria should anxieties that can afflict inapply to offences triable by mates (Quentin Cowdry magistrates only, and to those triable either by magistrates or the crown court. The most serious offences, which are triable only by indictment in the crown court, such as murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, and certain cases of were specifically

It is now understood that after representations from bodies such as the National Association for the Care and hy the Home Office and the Resettlement of Offenders Prison Reform Trust, will be (NACRO). officials have ag- more successful.

LORD Mackay of Clashfern, Mackay also criticised divorce for a one-year period of the Lord Chancellor, has as a "knee-jerk reaction to a separation. Conciliation, in signalled his support for more problem", with no procedure which couples would have the rigorous divorce laws to make built into the process to chance to consider the future it harder for couples to sepa- promote understanding or of the children and make agreement. Instead, divorce arrangements in a non-hostile laws encouraged couples to atmosphere, would play a take up entrenched positions and to prepare to do battle. His speech comes just weeks before the Law Commission's final proposals on divorce

Council in London, Lord principal proposal, which is

"What we want for the future is a process that does not allow divorce to be easy, hut makes it more rigorous by encouraging people to face the consequences and make arrangements for the future before they get divorced."
Lord Mackay expressed concern that, under present trends, almost 40 per cent of marriages would end in divorce and one in four children under 16 would be affected by

important role in such new

the experience.

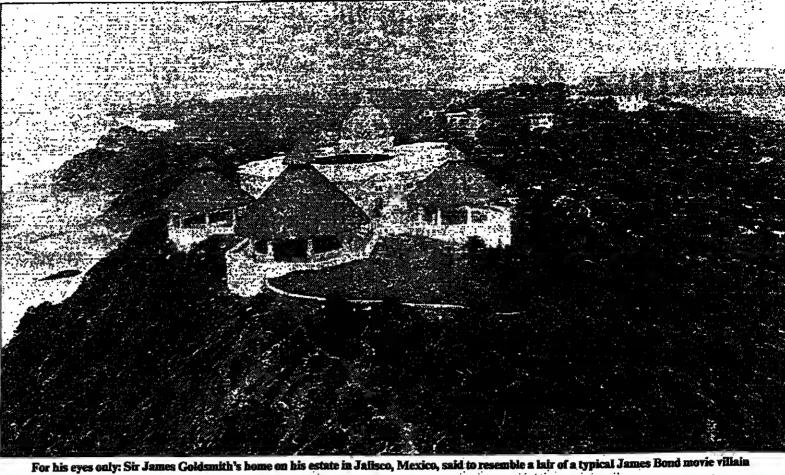
He attacked present procedures, which be said might contribute to the difficulty in reaching agreement on the other matters, and questioned the role of fault, or misbehaviour, in divorce. That encouraged couples to look to the past, instead of to the criteria will apply where the future.
offender is under 21, which At I

At present, Lord Mackay said, apportioning blame and giving it a label, such as was already intended, and also adultery or unreasonable behaviour might obstruct agreement or reconciliation. A with NACRO, welcomed the decision by one partner to end a marriage should not plunge that the case for applying the new criteria to all custodial the family into war, in which the initiator received a hasty decree terminating the marriage. "Everyone becomes a loser in the subsequent battle.

four offenders in England and Wales convicted of indictable-"We need to find a way which does not make divorce custodial sentence. In 1988, appear the instant, the only the total was 2,752 out of a solution, only to find that it total sentenced of 10,464. leaves much heartache and Under the change now agreed, dispute in its wake. What we the figure could rise want for the future is a process that does not allow divorce to Information packs are to be be easy, but makes it more rigorous by encouraging people to face the consequence and make arrangements for the sometimes dangerous the future before they get divorced," he said.

"Such a process might also

improve the chances of saving briefing packs containing information ranging from prisoners' rights and privileges a marriage if, hy looking at these consequences and conto visiting hours will be handed to every new inmate. sidering the future of the children, some people draw back from the decision to divorce." The Lord Chan-The Home Office already produces prisoner information booklets, but these are cellor said if a procedure poorly circulated and do not allowed for counselling, enjoy much credibility with conciliation and mediation in prisoners. Officials hope that an environment free from the new packs, written jointly pressure, it might promote more opportunities for couples to agree, he said. "Agreements are good for children."



# Goldsmith funds anti-nuclear campaign

By JAMIE DETIMER and PETER VICTOR

multi-millionaire entrepreneur who yesterday stunned the City by announcing that he was giving up his business career to concentrate on environmental issues, has agreed to fund a nationwide

campaign against the nuclear

industry in Britain.

The thrust of the campaign, which will be run by the Ecologist magazine and pressure group, is to persuade politicians and the public that nuclear power is not an acceptable way of overcoming the greenhouse effect. Sir given the magazine, which he group, surprised many busi- active business management

towards the initial costs of the campaign. According to Edward Goldsmith, his brother and a coeditor of the Ecologist, Sir James is also concerned about the use of chemical pesticides in farming and the destruction of the rain forests. "He is not

going to waste his time on the

small issues," he said. halt to his career as a huccaneering corporate raider He has been moving that way only a year after he was at the for a long time." forefront of a £13.5 billion takeover hid for BAT, the

genuine and that his decision to switch wholeheartedly to green issues merely confirms a long standing passion. Tim Bell, a press relations expert Sir James's decision to call a and friend of Sir James', said: "It is not a new decision really.

> A confident of the entrepreneur said that Sir James

SIR James Goldsmith, the helped set up in 1969, £50,000 ness associates, who bave shortly before the October questioned whether he will 1987 stock market crash. Sir stay away from the board- James sold several businesses room battles he has revelled in and a substantial amount of for 30 years. Those closer to shares a few weeks before him, however, say his Black Monday, and only recommitment to ecology is turned to the world of finance to take part last year in the takeover bid for BAT. "He was tempted into the BAT bid by Jacob Rothschild, who persuaded him that it would be an historic deal if it came off. It was an aberration for Sir James who has now a deep vein of pessimism about the

Adam Faith, the en-James, aged 57, has already tobacco, retail and insurance had virtually withdrawn from trepreneur and former singer eiven the magazine, which he group, surprised many busi- active business management and actor, who has been

financial world."

campaigning to save the black rhino in Tanzania, welcomed the kind of energy, dynamism and ability that be brought to his business dealings, then he could make a difference. His money will be less important than Sir. James Goldsmith himself. The fact that a man of his calibre is working on green issue will make a tremendous

impact. Sir James has contributed to environmental causes for many years. The running of his 16,000-acre Mexican estate on the Gulf of California has also been marked by his interest in ecology. Rare and endangered animals have been collected there and the and is farmed organically. Few outsiders have managed to penetrate the estate, said to resemble the lair of a typical James Bond millionaire-villain, with electronic and human security arrangements.

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### **Patients** died after drink of dish fluid

A health authority was yesterday fined £1,000 for breaching died after being given dish-

washing fluid to drink.
Joseph Firth, aged 81, and
Leslie Wharrier, aged 74, patients at the High Royds mental hospital. Menston, near Leeds, suffered terrible burns to the mouth and throat after a nurse mistook a jug of dishwashing fluid for lemon juice. magistrates were told. The cleaner using the fluid had received no training about it.

Leeds Western Health Authority admitted inadequate training and was found guilty of failing promptly to tell the Health and Safety Executive of the accident.

### Arson charge is dropped

A woman accused of arson at her former boy friend's home has had the charge dropped, it announced yesterday. Jane Salveson, aged 36, of West Kensington, London, had been charged after a fire at the Fulham home of Michael Stevens. The Crown Prosecution Service said that there was insufficient evidence.

Last year, Miss Salveson had a murder charge withdrawn after Mr Stevens's fiancée, Diana Maw, was shot in

the head with a crossbow bolt. Busman's award Derek Maynard, of Kingstonupon-Thames, Surrey, who has had a phobia of buses since receiving serious back injuries in 1986 when a bus he was cleaning at a depot was hit by another was yesierday awarded damages of £89,959 against London Buses.

### Abduction case

Steven Burns, aged 20, a waiter in Newquay. Devon. was yesterday charged with abducting Matthew Davey. aged six, in the town. Matthew, from Newquay, disappeared more than two weeks ago, and was found by chance on Tnesday by a relative in Kent.

### Unlucky trip

A rare grey-cheeked thrush survived a freak flight across the Atlantic only to die at the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust's bird sanctuary at Slimbridge. Gloucestershire, when it flew into a glass door. -

### Flood bleeper

A bleeper service has begun for Wye Valley farmers niter complaints of insufficient warning of floods. The National Rivers Authority will

# Deaf-blind people given fresh hope

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

hearing might soon be able to converse with friends hundreds of miles away, read a daily newspaper, keep in touch with events on teletext and retire in the evening with

a Booker prize bestseller. British electronics engineers yesterday unveiled a remarkable telecommunications system for deaf and blind people which allows communication with the outside world. Experts believe that the system, called Hand-Tapper, could

PEOPLE without sight and make such people more independent and improve their quality of life.

The prototype, which researchers say could be a commercial reality in a year, given suitable funding, has been developed by a team at University College London in conjunction with deaf-blind people and the National Deaf-Blind League, a charity. More than 11,000 Britons

are crippled by the dual handicap of deafness and hlindness. An estimated 90 per cent cannot master braille. communication for such people is finger-spelling, based on the British manual finger spelling alphabet, in which parts of the hand and the way in which these areas are touched or stroked relates to a

specific letter. Hand-Tapper harnesses the alphabet to allow a person unskilled in finger-spelling to communicate with a deafhlind person via a telephone. At the heart of the system is a hand shaped pad carrying vibrating puns corresponding to the alphabet and a modern linked to the telephone.

Someone dialing Hand-Tapper types the conversation on to a keyboard, or dictates the conversation to one of British Telecom's special operators, who then relays the text down the telephone.

The communication causes the pins to pop up and vibrate singly or in sequence depending on the letter and using his or her own keyboard the handicapped person can respond. Field trials will start launch a fund-raising appeal. | which makes cigarettes more

# 'Cynical' cigarette sales attacked

addicts.

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

SHOPKEEPERS who sell sin- available to those with little gle cigarettes to children are money to spend can only acting as cynical drug pushers, encourage recruitment of another generation of cigarette

A survey of 3,513 teenagers at nine schools in Bristol found that most of those who smoked had bought single cigarettes. The more a teenager smoked, the more likely he or she was to have bought cigarettes one at a time.

Martin Jarvis, of the Imper- ation said that in 1988 only 29 ial Cancer Research Fund's health behaviour unit, said for selling cigarettes to childthat children under 16 were ren under 16, and 26 of those spending a total of £70 million were convicted. a year on cigarettes, although it was against the law to sell to

"Our results imply a cynical flouting of the law by many shopkeepers who are acting straightforwardly as drug pushers," he said. "Nicotine is a very powerful addictive drug and other studies have shown that people abusing heroin, cocaine and alcohol have found cigarettes hardest to

give up.' Mr Jarvis carried out the survey with Ann McNeill, formerly of the Institute of Psychiatry's addiction research unit, and now with the Health Education Authority. Dr McNeill said: "About

110,000 people a year m

According to a government

Britain die from smokingrelated diseases and the toindustry needs to recruit 300 new smokers a day to replace them. About 24 per cent of boys aged 15 and about 31 per cent of girls of the same age are known to smoke, and there is good evidence that they quickly become hooked. Given the intractability of the smoking habit, anything

funded study in the same year, only 8 per cent of children were refused cigarettes when they tried to buy them. The Parents Against Tobacco organisation, which is

The results of the survey are published in this month's issue of the British Journal of

Addiction and were presented

at a news conference held by

the British Medical Associ-

ation in London. The associ-

shopkeepers were prosecuted

supported by the association and by the Health Education Authority, said it would try to find a sponsor for a private member's bill which would seek tougher penalties for shopkeepers who made illegal

- A steep rise in claims for alleged malpractice involving accidents at burth in materiary wards could lead to cutbacks in hospital services, solicitors said vesterday.

The number of such claims has more than doubled in the last year to almost 40, according to a study by Capsticks, a law firm specialising in the health service.

Brian Capstick, co-author of the study, said at a conference in London yesterday that there was no evidence of declining medical standards. The main cause for the increase was a change in legal aid rules in April last year.

# Lack of support upset bishop

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

THE Bishop of Durham described yesterday his anger at the churchmen and theologians who failed to stand by him when his controversial views on central Christian beliefs led to calls for his dismissal and resignation.

The Rt Rev David Jenkins said that the controversy that surrounded his views on the virgin birth and the resurrection had been extremely stressful. "What really made me angry was that lots of people in the Church who must have known that what I was saying was accepted teaching in theological col-leges simply did not enter into the controversy or give me support. There was a sense of feeling let down."

The bishop, a former professor of theology at Leeds university, was speaking at the launch of Lying Down in Church, a book about one church's approach to relaxation and meditation. The author, the Rev Geoffrey Harding, retired vicar of St Mary Woolnoth in the city, is a lifelong friend of the bishop.

Dr Jenkins said; "It was not until I came to terms with how angry I was that I was able to deal with the stress. This notion that we are beroes and said: "There would be no can cope with anything withoot it doing us any harm is a very dangerous one."

Dr Jenkins, aged 65, caused a furore when he said on a television religious pro-gramme that Christ's resurrection had been spiritual rather than physical. He said that be had been angry that his statement of what had been obvious for years had caused such a fuss and such frequent misrepresentation.

Referring to demands that he should withdraw as bishopelect before his consecration at York Minster in July 1984, he

Jenkins: "I don't really have any regrets now

question of my consecration being stopped because anyone who knew anything about theology, who actually investi-gated u, couldn't possibly find any reason for not consecrating me. I gather now that lots of people thought it could be stopped or would be stopped but that never entered my head."

Dr Jenkins added: "I got hundreds and it later grew into thousands of letters, the majority supporting me. The important point is that the discussion has got going 1 don't really have any regrets DOW

His personal relaxation technique involves withdraw ing into himself and being still, "even in a space m a service". Dr Jenkins said, "Of course it is a stressful job being a bishop, but stress if handled properly is surely part of it it keeps you on your toes. Being relaxed is not being a pudding it's withdrawing into yourself in order to get out there

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# Instant help 'might have saved two Lockerbie victims'

TWO passengers from Pan Am 103 might have survived for a pathologist to give evidence at short time," he said. The the enquiry, said that the eight professor also told the enquiry after a terrorist bomb exploded on the aircraft over idents killed would have died Lockerbie, an enquiry was

Anthony Busuttil, professor of forensic medecine at Edin-burgh university, told the hearing in Dumfries that they might have survived had they received immediate medical treatment. He said that the passengers would have hit the ground at about 120mph after falling for some two-and-a-

Professor Busuttil said that a team of eight pathologists grouped the 259 victims from the aircraft into three categories: those with gross injuries who would have been killed outright; those less severely injured but still suffering extensive damage to found clutching a child. The vital organs, who might have article also contained factual been killed outright or who died soon after losing consciousness; and the two pas-

cabin crew. There was no evidence that the bomb, in a baggage container on the New Yorkbound Boeing 747, created a

Professor Busuttil con-demned as disgraceful an article by William Eckert, an American pathologist, in the American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, and said it had wrongly claimed that the body of a victim was inaccuracies, including the wrong date for the crash and an incorrect casualty toll. He

of the journal.

# "It is possible that this Student fees to be arrested over

an effort to recoup poll tax secretary of the National debts incurred by tens of Union of Students, said that thousands of students. The she did not believe the arrestgovernment, which pays tution fees to universities, is, however, likely to challenge the move in court in spite of urging local authorities to recover poll tax debts by all

An estimated 20,000 Scottish students have received final notices or summary war-rants for non-payment. The rants for non-payment. The cipal of Stirling university, implications for England and said: "We will need to chall-wales, halfway through the eage the regularity of this first year of the tax, are procedure. If fees are now

Strathclyde regional council, the biggest local authority means our financial position in Scotland, has taken action is going to be completely inst about 1,000 students, according to Ian Henley, its deputy director of finance. More stoppages are expected

over coming months.

The council is owed more than £50 million in poll tax from last year, and Mr Henley said that the authority was legally obliged to try to recover that money. Collection by warrant sales was not favoured and students were are expected to demonstrate unlikely to have any carnings.

"If they do not offer us details of their bank accounts, then we have no choice but to seek to recover the money from other sources of income. such as bursaries. Students have been fairly prominent among non-payers and we have to look at what action we can take against them."

Tuition fees are paid by the Scottish education depart-ment to colleges and universities. A spokesman for the Scottish Office said: "The secretary of state has been served with an arrestment order for community charge in respect of certain students at Scottish institutions. The Scottish education department has written to the bodies concerned pointing out that the tuition fee payment for 1990-91 will require to be adjusted if the arrestments are

found to be valid." He said, however, that the question of validity was not clear and had yet to be tested. There has to be a court judgment on this and we will challenge the arrestment."

A spokeswoman for Strathclyde university said that, so far, it had been told that a total of £2,800 in respect of 33 of its 8,500 students could be deducted from fee income in January. "We were astonished by this and will be taking legal advice on the matter. We feel that we have been put in an

that the 11 Lockerbie resfuel-laden wing section crashed on the Sherwood area of the town, creating a fireball. The three-man crew on the flight deck would have been killed outright, as would 11 of the 13

fire in the aircraft.

sengers with less severe said that Dr Eckert was editor

# poll tax debts

SHERIFF officers have been invidious position by being ordered to arrest university forced to act as poll tax and college tuition fees for up collectors." Glasgow univerto 1.000 Scottish students who sity has been told that it stands have refused to pay the community charge.

The action could be repeated throughout Britain in Donna McKinnon, Scottish

ment order was legal. "We are extremely con-

cerned about the long-term implications about what they have done. It could open the floodgates to creditors to take similar action against students. It is a very dangerous precedent," she said.

Professor John Forty, pringoing to be made vulnerable by this kind of move, then it undermined. · Kirklees council, West

Yorkshire, is today launching its biggest drive against local people refusing to pay their poll tax.

More than 12,000 people are being summonsed by the council at Huddersfield magistrates' court for non-payment of the community charge. Anti-poll tax groups outside the court.

pathologists were called to Lockerbie after the disaster, working at first in a makeshift instantly when the aircraft's mortuary in the town hall. The mortuary was later moved to the town's ice rink.

The bodies of seven of the 11 Lockerbie people who died were were never found, he said. The explosion caused by the crash would have destroyed their bodies. Those which had been found showed severe burns and multiple injuries from debris falling on or near them. The enquiry was told earlier that the names of the two passengers who might have survived "for a short time" were being withheld in

line with relatives' wishes.

Lord Fraser of Carmyllie the Lord Advocate, asked the professor: "Let us take an extreme example: if, by the greatest of good fortune, one of those within group three had been immediately attended upon by the bestqualified medical team imag-

inable, would long-term survival have been possible?" The professor replied: "There is a possibility that, if resuscitation was available immediately, with access to hospital facilities, there could have been survival." The Lord Advocate asked: "For those two?" Professor Busuttil replied: "For those two."

. The enquiry was told last week that a Lockerbie woman was convinced that she had felt a pulse on the body of a woman found near the cockpit section at Tundergarth. Other witnesses said that woman may have been Noelle Berti, aged 40, from Paris, a stewardess. Professor Busuttil told the enquiry, however, that she had suffered injuries "totally incompatible" with surviving. He said 201 of the plane's

243 passengers would have been killed outright without question. Nineteen could have died outright or soon after falling unconscious. The two less severely injured could have survived "for a short time" - but this was no more than a possibility.

Professor Busuttil told the hearing that victims in free fall from a disintegration at that height would have hit the ground at a speed of 120mph. Ground injuries would have masked any suffered in the aircraft, but no passenger showed evidence of burns or smoke inhalation.
"Some victims may have

fallen faster because they were tions and fines of up to attached to heavy parts of the aircraft. Some may have fallen more slowly because they were with parts of the aircraft which Some passengers might have regained consciousness as they fell into lower altitudes with more oxygen, remaining conscious in free fall all the way to the ground. It was not possible, however, to say which individuals were

### Boom in bicycles puts new pressure on safety

THE TIMES THURSDAY OCTOBER 18 1990

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

IN THE decade since Norman Tebbil advised the memployed to get on their bikes the ozone-friendly bi-cycle has assumed unimagined importance as a means Of transport.

Sales have almost doubled from 1.5 million to 2.8 million a year and there are now an estimated 13 million bicycle owners in Britain, more than three-and-a-half million of whom regularly use pedal power to get to The boom in cycling has

inevitably meant a higher casualty toll on the roads, now rising by 10 per cent a year. In 1989, 20,716 adults and 7,797 children were injured, of whom 232 adultsand 62 ebildren died. The result is a growing clamour for bicycle lanes and other safety improvements, greater awareness by motorists of the cyclist and a co-ordinated government transport policy

The Department of Transport announced yesterday that a road safety initiative Tor children will be launched in the spring, by which time the London Cycling Campaign also hopes that a 1,000- mile network of bicycle routes in the capital will have been agreed by the. London boroughs.

A nationwide survey of cyclists published today by Gallup shows that 58 per cent of cyclists feel local anthorities are not doing enough to previde safe routes and they want the plans for London copied by other cities. Nearly three out of ten cyclists have been involved in some kind of

The survey, for the bicycle



Uneasy rider: this cyclist battling with rusb-hour traffic in Cambridge could soon be forced off the city's streets as the local authority lonight discusses banning cycles from a section of the centre between 10am and 4pm. Students have protested at the move, which the council says is also being made to tackle an increase in accidents.

and accessories retailer Halfords, also shows that although 93 per cent want an integrated transport policy similar to that on the Continent, 37 per cent would be willing to pay a bicycle tax to fund more facilities on the road such as new routes.

Len Unwin, general sec-retary of the British Cycling Federation, said: "It's an increasingly popular mode of transport. Just look in any town and you will find more and more people using bikes to commute to work. It's environmentally desirable but also the most economic form of transport. The maor problem we face, though, is that when road schemes

are being considered no thought is given to the cyclist. There are clearly not enough cycle routes through towns but things are beginning to improve and there is now support for us from the Department of Transport."

Indications of growing pedal power during the nineties are emerging regularly as a counter to the increas-ing costs of energy and congestion. Workers at the Body Shop

stere chain have set a trend by introducing company bicycles as a perk, the local authorities of Camden and Haringey, north London, operate "bike pools" for stati to use on council business, and Sutton council, south London, pays the same mileage rate to cyclists on council business as

Halfords is working with British Rail to provide increased bicycle parking facilities and a number of pilot stations throughout the Net-work SouthEast catchment area have been chosen to encourage commuters to cycle rather than drive to the their local stations,

Mintel, the market research company, forecasts that bike sales will increase by two-thirds in the next five years as local authorities make greater provision for cyclists. Britain, never-

theless, still has a long way to catch up with its European neighbours, especially The Netherlands where up to 40 per cent of people

commute by bicycle. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents re-newed a call yesterday for cyclists to wear reflective clothing and for motorists to be more bike-conscious.

A spokesman for the transport department said: 'Judging by the buoyancy in cycle sales, cycling is getting more and more popular but it is one of the least safe modes of transport. We aim to make it safer. There will be a big campaign in the

# ported sometimes hundreds of

By ROBIN YOUNG FEARS that unfit meat from being sold for human consumption have prompted plans for a nationwide safety check. The food committee of the Institution of Environmental Health Officers will consider proposals today for Operation Meathook II, the sequel to a 1979 campaign that led to several prosecu-

Nick Hibbert, chairman of the organisation's meat legislation review group, said yesterday that most of the evidence that unfit meat was entering the human food supply was ancedotal, but there was enough of it to give rise to

serious concern.
"It is unlikely that unfit meat is being sold by any supermarkets or high street butchers, but we are afraid it is

being sold cheaply from market stalls or the backs of vans, unlicensed knackers' yards is and finding its way into bulk supplies."

Chris Mugford, who will be regional co-ordinator for the campaign in Wales and the Midlands, said: "We have already set up the machinery so that we can pass information between authorities and

miles to illegal processors." David Maclean, the food minister, said yesterday that

the government would be keen to take steps to stop illicit trade in unfit meat. There have been two recent

cases of unfit meat being sold for human consumption. In quickly decide who is best Llanelli. Dyfed, an inspector placed to act upon it. We at Pwllbach slaughterhouse killed on farms and trans- found that injured animals also intercepted a consign- putrefaction, and fly blow

had been certified fit for human consumption after

among those certified fit. The cil had found that beef the case came to light after a men had supplied showed complaint from a local school signs of bruising, septic arthridinner lady. Environmental tis, peritonitis, pleurisy, abhealth officers in Somerset scesses, faecal contamination,

and condemned it as unfit. At Taunton crown court in being destroyed. The health July, Norman and Michael officers' institution says it is Bramall of Oxspring, near impossible to be certain that Sheffield, were fined £8,000 cows infected with bovine each after admitting offering spongiform encephalopathy, unfit meat for sale. Officers of "mad cow" disease, were not Taunton Deane district coun-

# Brilliant and chaotic play leaves third game drawn

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

a draw on the 53rd move after some brilliant play on both

The first session of game 3, with Karpov playing white and Kasparov black, had witnessed some of the most chaotic, wild and unconventional battles ever seen at this level of chess. In the opening, a King's Indian Defence. Kasparov played what was previously regarded as a book



THE adjourned third game of blunder on move 9, which a brilliant defensive decision, the World Chess Champallowed Karpov to win rook sacrificing a knight to elimiionship in New York ended in for, bishop, normally a decisive advantage.

Kasparov, however, succeeded in generating counter-play, and by the speed of his moves it was evident that he had prepared this idea in pre- knight and pawn, but this is a match analysis. Then on the material edge insufficient to 17th move, the world cham- force victory. pion offered a fresh sacrifice,

pion offered a fresh sacrifice, one which electrified spectators and commentators alike.

Kasparov gave up his queen for just bishop, knight and pawn, an astounding concept that will fuel debate among chess theoreticians for years to come.

With his huge material advantage Karpov should, by the book, have won easily, but the former champion seemed unable to form a coherent plan and eventually in a desperate attempt to free his position he gave back the queen on the 25th move.

In the second session, on move 48, and with his back remiret the wall Karpov made.

nate the black passed pawn. On the 53rd move when the draw was agreed Kasparov would still have the advantage of bishop and knight against

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38 Rd5 Br6
41 Ne7 Kd5
38 Rd5 Nub5
37 Bc4+ K47
40 K11 Bg6
41 Ne7 Kd5
42 Rd5 hg3
43 hg3 hg3
44 Ng2 b5
46 Rd7+ Kd6
47 Rd5+ Kd7
46 Rd7+ Kd6
47 Rd5+ Bd6
48 Nd63 bc4
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50 Kg2 Nd2
50 Kg2 Rd2
52 Kd3 g2

### and eventually in a desperate attempt to free his position he gave back the queen on the 25th move. In the second session, on move 48, and with his back against the wall, Karpov made 27 Be2 Ne6 ABCDEFGH Final position in the

By RONALD FAUX

IN THE wake of Oliver Cromwell comes Sciurus carolinensis. The Lord Protector was perhaps the last aggressor to arrive in the North-West and knock the local population about a bit. The grey squirrel is following his example, causing havoc among the resident red squirrels, or Sciurus vulgaris, which the Lancashire Trust for Nature Conservation has been prompted to investigate.

in 100 acres of woodland at Warton Crag, near Camforth, Lancashire, Graeme Skeicher runs the trust's squirrel project, trapping red and grey varieties, fitting them with radio transmitters, and then plotting their movements. There has been an invasion of greys, a bit Cromwellian, I suppose you could say, and the forecast is that within 15 years of

Nature group tunes in to squirrels the greys getting in, the reds could disappear altogether," he said.

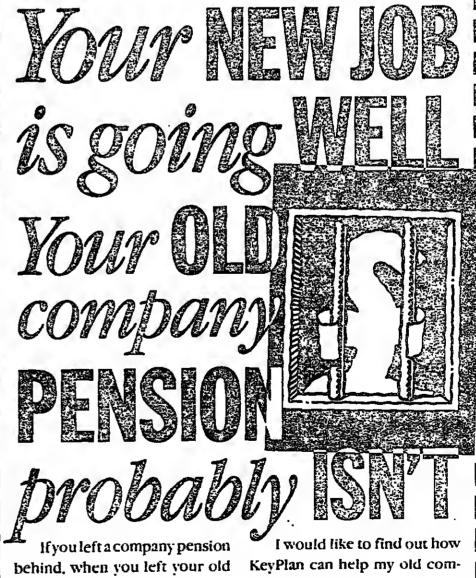
Mr Skeicher, a mathematics graduate, patrois the wood with a radio receiver that tracks the position of each rodent. Six red and three grey squirrels are presently sending out signals. Since the transmitters cost £70 each and red squirrels, in particular, are apt to be cavalter in their wanderings and go off-air without trace, equipping the project is expensive. The radio collars transmit across a one-mile radius for nine months

before the signal fades. The study has so far found little pattern in a squirrel's life. The grey varicty is indeed more successful at taking over territory and can survive on a wider variety of food in more crowded circumstances but, Mr Skelcher says, the nut-

hoarding instinct of both types seems to be more haphazard than books suggest. "A squirrel may bury surplus food, but will quickly forget the location. If the creature finds a cache it is most likely to be by accident or a store belonging to some other squirrel," he said. Both varieties are enthusiastic second-

home owners. Mr Skelcher, noting radio signals, has counted 26 drays, or nests, used regularly by only four squirrels.

The study follows research by London Zoo into ways of reintroducing red squirreis threatened by the grey type. Zoologists devised a food hopper and a dray that could be triggered only by the lighter red squirrel. Well-fed the red squirrels may have become, but West End cats and passing traffic proved to be perils from which the zoo could not save them.



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ERM ENTRY

# 'Price to pay' for cabinet bungling

By SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL REPORTER

BRITAIN will have to pay a painful price for the govern-ment's bungling of the econ-omy over the past year, Paddy Ashdown predicted yesterday when demanding a five-point economic strategy in the wake of Britain's entry into the

exchange-rate mechanism. The Liberal Democrat leader dismissed as futile debates on Britain's entry and instead questioned the govenrment's ability to be tough enough to take advantage of the opportunities opened up by ERM

Divisions in the cabinet on economic and monetary union will damage economic performance and undermine confidence in sterling, as did the split between Margaret Thatcher and Nigel Lawson,

They sit like a timebomb at the heart of the government machine. The fuse has been lit. John Major (Chancellor) must now back up his antiinflationary rhetoric with

At a Westminster press conference Mr Ashdown added: "Now that we are in the ERM, there can be no hiding place for the economy. The chancellor's policies must be based on an explicit recognition of that fact. The country and the markets need to know what will be the policy now we are in the exchange

The Liberal Democrats strategy is: a commitment to the goal of

a single European currency; tighter fiscal policy; targeted increases in public spending for education, train-

ing and transport; a commitment to move to the narrow bands of ERM

• the Bank of England to be given responsibility for mone-tary policy independent of the Mr Ashdown said that the

government had failed to prepare Britain for the changed economic conditions of ERM membership.

'If the prime minister will not provide this leadership because of her anti-European prejudices, her chancellor must repeat his victory over ERM membership by ensuring that Britain plays a positive rather than a negative role in shaping economic and monetary union and the single

Mr Ashdown, who said at his party conference that a Liberal Democrat government would be willing to raise income tax, added yesterday that John Major must stop all the government's talk of tax



# Ravenscraig pledge fails to satisfy the House

By JOHN WINDER, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

not to dismantle any of the Ravenscraig hot strip mill in Scotland before April 5 next year received only a muted nounced in the Commons

The undertaking by Sir British Steel, will give some time for consideration of a survey of the Scottish steel industry the final conclusions of which will be available in the new year. The report is being prepared for the Scottish Development Agency by in-dependent consultants, Ar-

thur D. Little. Malcolm Rifkind, Scottish secretary, who has made clear his own disagreement with the British Steel decision to close the Ravenscraig hot strip mill, told MPs that he hoped the undertaking would give time for a full assessment of the

study. Mr Rifkind said that Sir Robert had indicated that British Steel had promised full co-operation in the preparathe Clydesdale tube plant, about which Sir Robert had not been able to tell him of any

Opposition MPs expressed misgivings about the precise nature of the undertaking on the Ravenscraig plant and meet Donald Dewar, Labour spokesman on Scotland, insisted that there must be no
assess the commercial judgremoval or dismantling of ment of British Steel when plant before the report was they did oot know the facts on available and could be as which they had taken the

He said that the minister should force British Steel to come clean on the facts behind the closure of the hot strip mill. He should meet the chairman after the report was produced "to go into battle on behalf of the Scottish steel industry".

Teesside Conservative MPs demanded that developments of the profitable plant there should not be sacrificed to preference for Scotland.

George Robertson (Hamilton, Lab) said that there was deep concern among the trade unions about the position and they wanted to know whether yesterday's meeting Mr Rifkind had received answers to the questions from the Ravenscraig shop stewards that he had undertaken to put oo their behalf. What confidence could the people of

from British Steel? Mr Rifkind said that he had given Sir Robert Scholey the hop stewards' questions, as he had promised.

Scotland have in assurances

"I put to him the utility of answering those questions as much as he feit able to do." Sir Robert had said that be would meet the chairman of the development agency, Sir David Nickson.

Tim Devlin (Stockton Sonth, C) asked: "Did the secretary of state tell the chairman that the only way the long-term viability of the steel industry in this country can be guaranteed is if decisions on future investment

BY-ELECTION

### Ashdown looks to Eastbourne test

today's Eastbourne by-election as a test of the party's revived status as the credible alternative in Conservativeheld constituencies at the next general election (Sheila Gunn

Richard Hickmet, the Tory candidate, is confident of holding the seat left vacant by the murder of Ian Gow, but the Liberal Democrat leader said that the outcome was

"too close to call". Mr Ashdown told a press conference in London yesterday: "I expect not only a good result but [that] Labour will be unlikely to improve on its general election perfor-

mance and may even get less". The steady and determined build-up in the Liberal Democrais' fortunes in the past 18 months had pushed them past the point of being satisfied merely with a high profile campaign. I hope it will convince certain commentators that the electorate is not to be judged by sitting in an armchair in London reading opinion polls. It will confirm the argument I have been making that where the party is challenged by the Tories we are the credible alternative and we are the people who can

beat the Tories." Local issues and law and order have dominated the campaign, with Mr Hickmet, a

PADDY Ashdown will treat barrister and "retread" MP the Liberal Democrat vote in who lost his Glanford and Scunthorpe seat at the last

port for capital punishment. David Bellotti, a local Liberal Democrat councillor and YMCA director, has been strength in local government. But he needs a swing of more than 15 per cent to take the seat. He also faces a tra-ditional "Liberal" candidate,

Theresa Williamson. Mr Bellotti helieves that in recent days the "Gow card" has been backfiring against Mr Hickmet through over-pro-

The position of Charlotte Atkins, Labour's candidate, has been undermined by the decision of London headquarters to impose her over the local choice of Peter Day because of his refusal to pay the poll tax. Miss Atkins, a press officer, is in the mould of Kinnockite candidates in byelections. Both Mr Hickmet and Miss Atkins have been

Wandsworth councillors. The other candidates are: David Aherne (Greens), John McAuley (National Front), Lindi St Claire Miss Whiplash (Correction Party), and Eric Page (Ironside Party). General election: I Gow (C) 33,587; P Driver (Lih All), 16,664; A Patel (Lab), 4,928; R Addison (Green), 867. C maj:



BRITISH Steel's undertaking are made for valid commer-

cial reasons only and not for for political reasons? "Will he tell the trade

unions that the most commerwelcome when it was an- cially competitive and productive steel plant in this country is on Teesside and that it would be a tragedy to Robert Scholey, chairman of delay investment there for the political machinations of the Labour party in Scotland?"

Mr Rifkind replied: "There agreement on all sides that the future of the the steel industry has to be decided on commercial grounds." Malcolm Bruce, Liberal

Democrat spokesman on Scotland, said that the meeting between Sir Robert and Mr Rifkind had been a meeting between private citizens because Mr Rifkind had effectively given up trying to influence British Steel

Was the development agency report likely to be ready in time to change the disastrous decisions on Scot-

Mr Rifkind said that unless tion of the development agency survey of the prospects for the steel industry in Scotland. The minister added later that he shared Opposition concern about the future of the Chylesials tube alone. question. They expected pre-liminary conclusions on the survey before Christmas and final ones early in the new year. It was important that there was to be co-operation between British Steel and the development agency and that the two chairmen were to

> Sir Hector Monro (Dumwhich they had taken the decision.

> Mr Rifkind: "It is precisely for that reason that I and others were unable to say whether the conclusion reached by British Steel is

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS** 

night for giving uncritical support to President Gorbachev despite his failure

to put his leadership to a democratic vote

Dr David Owen, the former foreign

secretary, accused politicans in the West

of swallowing KGB propaganda in their

dismissal of Boris Yeltsin and of putting

too much faith in Mr Gorbachev and his

attempt to show that there was a third

way between Stalin's communism and Western-style democracy. The former SDP leader urged the West

to be more questioning of Mr Gorbachev and the changes he was attempting to

introduce into the Soviet Union. He said

that although the Soviet president

deserved the Nobel Peace Prize, "the

largely uncritical euphoria that sur-

rounds it in the West is troubling". He



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Rifkind: received promise from British Steel chief

## Double election battle begins

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

West 'swallowing the KGB line'

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WESTERN leaders were criticised last added: "Our political leaders have a grossly over-extended military appa-

placed too many bets on Gorbachev;

they have swallowed KGB propaganda against Boris Yeltsin and they would be

well advised now to hedge their bets".

Dr Owen said the West should judge

Mr Gorbachev for what he was, "a

remarkable, pragmatic and adaptable

leader", who had managed to master-

mind the transfer of power from the

Communist party to a power clite that he

now headed. It was, however, dangerous

nonsense to accept that that group

believed in genuine democracy or a market economy, Dr Owen said in a lecture at the Cambridge Union. The policies followed by the Mr

Gorbachev had been dictated by his re-

cognition that the Soviet Union must

retreat from an "imperial" empire that

had resulted in financial difficulties and

day Labour's campaign to Pidcock, of the Islamic party, hold the marginal seat of is unlikely to win, but Bradford North in a tough hyelection contest next month.

The writs for by-elections in Bradford North and Bootle on Merseyside on November 8 were moved in the Commons by Derek Foster, the Opposition chief whip. Labour remains ahead in

thing short of a convincing

victory in the Yorkshire seat would damage the party's efforts to portray itself as a government in waiting. A complicating factor for party strategists is the decisioo by the Islamic party of Great Britain to field a candidate in a seat where the Muslim vote

of about 7,000 has tradition-

ROY Hattersley launches to- ally gone to Labour. Daud Labour's fear is that he could deprive them of enough votes to ensure a Conservative victory in the seat which that the late Pat Wall beld in the 1987 general election with a majority of 1,633.

On the same day as polling in Bradford North, a bythe opinion polls, but any- election will take place in the safe Labour seat of Bootle, caused by Mike Carr's death. Candidates in Bradford

North include: Terry Rooney (Lab), Joy Atkin (C), David Ward (Lib Dem), Mike Knott (Grn) and Mr Pidcock, Io Bootle they include: Joe Benton (Lab), James Clappison (C) and John Cunningham (Lih Dem).

NATURE COUNCIL

# **Wilder flights** of fancy' on funding denied

By PETER MULLIGAN, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

REPORTS that the cost of tional provision for policy and reorganising the Nature Coo-think-tank work". servancy Council into three parts might be £30 million a year were denied by the government last night. In the vancy council in England, 225 House of Lords, Lady Blatch, for the Countryside Council a junior environment min- for Wales and 385 for the ister, told peers that the cost was less that £10 million.

She used a statement before the report stage of the Environmental Protection bill cootinued to dispel what she called the "wilder flights of fancy" that had appeared in should be able to do more in the media and been quoted in Parliament.

She said that exaggerated estimates of £20 million or even £30 million had been made by those who "shall we say, do not wish to see our proposals presented in the best light".

The actual estimate for extra staff and consequential costs such as accommodation was £9.18 million. There would be 294 more staff than at present and the government was allowing for consolidation of temporary posts as well as creating new ones.

She said: "This means that, far from there being a major increase in hureaucracy, there

conservancy council in Scotland. Another 86 would go to the Joint Nature Conservation

Committee. She added: "The new structure will be soundly based and, when it is operation, it each country than the existing conservancy council. This is particularly true of Scotland and Wales."

She repeated the a commit-ment that "adequate re-sources" would be provided to cover reorganisation without damaging present conserva-

tion programmes.

The government, she said, had justified the case for reform: "In a nutshell, it is that separate agencies for each country will be more sensitive and accountable".

Her announcement was interrupted by Opposition peers who protested that they had not had advance warning and the House was adjourned will be extra permanent posts in scientific grades and addiscenses discussions.

PRISONS

## **Tory MP predicts** more jail riots

A SENIOR Tory backbench When will the government MP predicted yesterday that learn? I predict that we will the prison system was facing another Strangeways jail riot next year and hlamed the government.

Sir Charles Irving, MP for Cheltenham, accused the Home Office of failing to heed warnings from prison officers, voluntary agencies and prisoners. He said: "We have had one disturbance after another.

ratus. "We should be particularly careful

not to fall for the propaganda that all

these changes stem from the goodness of the heart and the general enlightenment

Dr Oweo said Western leaders should

not feed the Soviet leadership's delusion

that the Soviet Union could give up the

satellite countries of Eastern Europe and

consolidate around the present bound-

He added that the West would do Mr

Gorbachev no favours if it gave the

impression that his third way between

old-style communism and a true West-

ern-style democracy had a future. Nor, Dr Owen said, should he be insulated

from legitimate pressure from Western

democracies to put his leadership to the

of the political leaders.

aries of the USSR.

have another Strangeways on our hands next year". Sir Charles was speaking at

the launch, at the House of Commons, of the annual report of the Stonham Housing Association, a specialist organisation providing homes for 2,900 single homeless people, including maoy former offenders The MP, who is founder

and chairman of the association, said: "We cannot seem to get it into the brains of those who are responsible that the frustrations and tensions within the prison system will lead to further terrible strains on the service.

"When will the government learn it must take out of the prisons the people who were put there after conviction for minor and trivial offences. ment is counter-productive.
"I implore the Home Sec-

retary: wake up to the fact voluntary agencies such as Stonham must have more money. If we did, we could expand our facilities to take some of the people who

should not be in prison." Stonham has more than 190 housing schemes located in every county in England and South Wales and has become one of the leading voluntary agencies for former prisoners.

are suffering from a lifethreatening handicap. The whips predict that it will Thatcher

costs £8m The prime minister cost the taxpayer more than £8 million in the last financial year according to figures she issued yesterday.

In Commons written replies. Margaret Thatcher said that the total cost of all her offices in 1989-90 was £7,704,396. That included salaries, notional pension liability, and the

grant to the Chequers Trust. She said that the total cost of her travel and that of her staff during the year was £948,656. Official hospitality cost £27,427.

### Devolution 'disaster'

Malcolm Rifkind, Scotjected demands for independence or devolution for Scotland, At Commons question time be said that Scotland would pay a devastating price for such policies.

Labour's proposals for Scottish assembly would hring extra taxes, he said. and the Scottish National party's plans for an independent country would mean that Scots living in England would be foreigners.

# Ewing elected

Margaret Ewing, Scottish Nationalist MP for Moray. has been unanimously re-elected as leader of the SNP group of five MPs in Parliament. She has ben leader since 1987. Mrs Alex Salmond, MP for Banff and Buchan, the overall party leader.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ques-tions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister. Debate oo public accounts committee reports on sale of Rover and of Royal

Lords (3): Human fertilisation and embryology bill. Commons amendments.



Between now and the turn of the century the number of air travellers is expected to double.

To meet the increased demand, the Civil Aviation Authority is investing more than £750 million in new air traffic control facilities.

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# Hurd lost in political minefield of Middle East

From RICHARD OWEN IN JERUSALEM

salem. But he had the ehasicned and slightly dazed look of a man who - like so many minefield of Arab-Israeli polifind mines blowing up all

around his feet. the passions aroused in the Mount killings 10 days ago have proved 100 hot to handle. Both Israelis and Palestinians are on short fuses. "You best of times," one diplomat said yesterday.

According to this view, Mr to offend his already displeased Israeli hosts, but in doing so thoroughly alienated the Palestinian side.

On the Israeli side, Mr Hurd, despite a new and warm relationship with David Levy, the Israeli foreign minister, evidently failed to persuade the right-wing government of Answering questions from a Yitzhak Shamir to change its mind and accept the United Nations mission investigating the Temple Mount affair. Mr Hurd's argument that "the last thing we want is a long run of endless security council debates on Arab-Israel" affairs fell on deaf ears.

On the Palestinian side, the mine which exploded yes-terday took the form of a leaked misquotation. Palestinian anger, already fuelled by what the Arabs see as equivocal British support for the Palestinian cause, boiled over when Mr Hurd was quoted by the Israeli media as having told members of the Knesset (parliament) foreign affairs committee in private session that he was "absolutely opposed to the establishment of an independent Palestinian

Mr Hurd insisted he had had only reiterated the British should have self-determ-ination, and whether this led to a state of Palestine would be a matter for negotiation.

By the time this clarification reached Palestinian leaders, however, the damage was done. Twenty-eight leading Palestinians due to meet the foreign secretary called off the encounter, reportedly at the instigation of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a PLO faction.

Some Israelis said the leaked report was a deliberate act hy one of the three Israeli

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign MPs Mr Hurd met; Eliahu secretary, said yesterday that Ben-Elissar and Uzi Landau he was "too well-trained to be of Likud, and Yitzhak Rabin angry", as he surveyed the of Labour. The Palestinians, dehris of his Middle East sources said, had fallen into an mission from a sofa in the Israeli trap by taking Israeli British consulate in east Jeru- media leaks at face value instead of waiting to see what Mr Hurd had 10 say.

Deliberate or not, the dambefore him - had entered the age caused hy the misquotation could have been limited. lics with what be thought was The report was the main story due care and attention only to on Israeli television news on Tuesday evening, while Mr Hurd was at a dinner given by Even for someone of Mr Mr Levy. Yesterday, how-Hurd's skill and experience, ever, Mr Hurd said he had known nothing of the report aftermath of the Temple until yesterday morning, Mount killings 10 days ago when it was reproduced in

Israeli newspapers.

Having failed to issue a correction on Tuesday evecannot olease both sides at the ning, British officials sought to reassure Radwan Ahu Ayash, head of the Arah Journalists Association and one of the Hurd issued a tough leading Palestinians due to condemnation of Israel before meet Mr Hurd when he arriving, failed to follow it telephoned the British conthrough on arrival in order not sulate at 8.30am. By then, Mr Hurd was on a tour of United Nations beadquarters and St John's eve hospital in east Jerusalem.

It was not until mid-morning, when Mr Hurd reached a centre for the disabled at Beit Jalla on the West Bank that he challenged the Israeli reports. Arab physiotherapy student, 22, the foreign secretary said: "There is something in the

newspaper which is not right."
He added: "Can I say something to you? We believe the Palestinians should have the right to determine their own future. We do not say there cannot be a state, and we do not say there should be a state: it is for the Palestinians to decide their future."

For the Arab leaders waiting in Jerusalem, this was not enough. They were in any case incensed by Mr Hurd's statement - accurately reported that although the PLO should be involved in the peace process, it had "made a big

mistake by finding excuses for the invasion of Kuwait". "Britain clearly does not recognise that the PLO is the legitimate representative of the Palestinians, nor does it made no such statement. He want us to have a state." said Professor Saeb Erakat, of Anview that the Palestinians Najah university in Nablus. "But these form the backbone

The Palestinians were dismissive of the UN resolution on Temple Mount. Just as Mr Levy bad condemned the British compromise draft as "one-sided and hypocritical", so the Palestinians attacked it in a statement handed to Mr Hurd as "a delayed and diluted resolution" from an organisation which had failed for 23 years to end "the brutal and oppressive Israeli occupa-

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Taking cover: a Palestinian woman about to try on a gas mask at the village of Beit Hanina, in east Jerusalem, as Israeli troops and civil defence personnel began distributing anti-chemical warfare kits to Arabs

# Moscow's optimistic envoy tries to draw hope from Iraqi position

IF THERE were a prize for Iraq. Iraq does not have two refusing to take no for an answer, Yevgeni Primakov would surely be a candidate.

President Gorbachev appears to have instructed him to keep alive hopes that Iraq could be persuaded to withdraw from Kuwait in return for concessions. The Soviet emissary continued yesterday to promote that idea despite outright rejection by both Baghdad and Washington. Britain is equally opposed. Mr Primakov, making a

tour of Western capitals, has hinted that terms for an Iraqi pullout were discussed when he met President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad last week. It is thought that these would include a revision of the Iraq- towards a negotiated approach Kuwait border giving Bagh- than the British or French. lad the whole of the Rumaila oilfield and the islands of

Baghdad strongly denied become its 19th province. The quoted an information ministry source as saying: "No have a chance to vote on it. Iraqi official has or ever will say that Kuwait is not part of Primakov on Friday and will

want to know whether his province of Basra, renamed hopes are based on more than wishful thinking.

Whitehall sources believe

that a new map of Kuwait

which Baghdad has been sent

to Iraqi missions abroad

forms part of a confusion strategy. It shows that only the

southern part of Kuwait lies within the new 19th province.

A line has been drawn across

the old map and the northern

It was not Baghdad's first denial, but Mr Primakov seemed to have ignored previous statements. He told reporters in Rome on Tuesday that Moscow was "optimistie despite everything - otherwise we wouldn't be here". He believed that Iraq would be ready to negotiate a settlement provided the West did not set ultimatums or threaten military action.

His reason for saying this in Rome was that Italy holds the presidency of the European Community, whose foreign ministers are to meet in Luxembourg on Monday. The Italians are better disposed The suspicion in Wash

ington and London is that Mr Bubiyan and Warba, a secure Primakov's mission has much outlet to the Gulf, and a to do with Moscow's wish to diplomatic arrangement to avoid having to send forces to the Gulf. Eduard Shevardnadze, the foreign minister, this yesterday, insisting that it has said it would do so only in will never give up what has response to a security council resolution setting up a UN official news agency INA force, and has promised that the Soviet parliament would President Bush is to see Mr

Saddami-yat al-Mitla.

As this northern part includes the Rumaila oilfield and the strategie islands, the map has encouraged speculation that Baghdad might negotiate its withdrawal.

Both Washington and Loudon say they will settle for nothing less than a total withdrawal without face-savpart transferred to the former ing compromises.



# **British protest** after Baghdad rejects status of diplomats

By Andrew McEwen, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN has protested to fice and the Gulf Support Baghdad after being told that Group not to go. its diplomats evacuated from

diplomatic status in Iraq. Iraq said that the eight come requests from other diplomats would be treated as ordinary citizens. This will be seen as implicit warning that they might join the 300 Brit-ons detained under Iraq's "human shield" policy, though no explicit threat has been made.

"This is a further example of the Iraqis' flagrant dis-regard for international law," a foreign office spokesman said, describing it as a breach of articles 40 and 44 of the Vienna Convention on diplomatic status. Azmi al-Salihi, the Iraqi ambassador, was summoned to the Foreign Office on Tuesday and told of Britain's displeasure.

Britain is one of only six countries still defying an Iraqi order to close their embassies in Kuwait. Others, including the French embassy, are likely to withdraw this week after exhausting their supplies of food, water and fuel.

rine British embassy was run down from 22 to ten diplomats before Iraq's dead-line of August 24, and most of those withdrawn were sent home, as were the dependents. Britain then cut the number to four by sending six to Baghdad under Iraqi military escort. A. further two were pulled out further two were pulled out ten days ago, leaving only Michael Weston, the Ambassador, and Larry Banks still in the building, which remains blockaded by Iraqi troops.

Britain informed Iraq that the eight were being added to the British Embassy in the Baghdad, but after a delay this has been rejected. The men

has been rejected. The men continue to work at the embassy and to live either there or with other British

They are: Tony Millson and Donald Macaulay, John Raine, second secretary; Martin Roper, vice consul; David McDonaugh, immigration officer; David Belgrove, assistant management officer; Adam Perks, registrar; Brian McKeith, security officer.

Baghdad's move puts them among the 400 Britons still living in Iraq and not under detention, A further 300 Britons are detained in Iraq under the buman shield policy after being transferred from Mr al-Salihi was also told

that Britain reserves its right to claim compensation for losses caused by the annex-ation of Kuwait. The atmosohere of his II-minute meeting with David Gore-Booth, assistant under-secretary, was described as "correct", usually a dip-lomatic way of saying stiff. In the meantime several British women evacuated from Kuwait and Iraq are considering returning to join their husbands, despite strong advice from the Foreign Of

'The Iraqi Embassy in Kuwait will not be given London said it had issued several visas and would wel-

> women wishing to return. The Foreign Office described this as "cynical manipulation" and said the women would be taking a great risk. Joanna Copley, co-founder of the Gulf Support Group, also advised women to

### Threat to boycott Cairo poll

Cairo - In a determined democratic reform, much of Egypt's opposition is threatening an unprecedented boycott of the general election scheduled for November 29 (Christopher Walker writes).
A senior official of the right-

wing Wafd party announced yesterday that it would boycott the poll, announced last week, in protest against unfair election conditions. He said the Muslim Brotherhood and two other opposition parties, Labour and the Liberals, were planning to join the boycott.

An Amnesty International report meanwhile criticised torture and other breaches of buman rights in Egypt.

Saddam's spy

Bonn - President Saddam Hussein was supplied with all the original secrets of Operation Desert Shield by a spy caught working inside the German foreign ministry, according to German counter-intelligence. Police say the spy, aged 35; is a convert to Islam who called himself "Mohammed", and is be-lieved to have accepted an lieved to have accepted an initial payment of DM20,000 (£7,000)...

### US 'in control'

Amsterdam - America will take the initiative in the Guif if war breaks out, Vice-Admiral Henry Mauz, who commands the US Middle East fleet, said, He told the Dutch newspaper. De Telegraaf, that the Western allies would be asked to join any American action, but the US Navy "was strong enough on its own to cope with every conceivable not besitate to do so.

### Kuwaiti concern

Vienna - Kuwait might not be able to continue to finance the international military presence in the Gulf beyond the end of this year. Abdul Hamid al-Awadhi, Kuwaii's ambassador here said yesterday (Susan Masterman writes). Kuwait was "the country which has been vicumised and our revenue has been cut off". It was drawing on its investments and could not continue to do so indefinitely.

### Foreign accent

New York - An American with no knowledge of foreign languages began speaking with a Scandinavian accent after a stroke, a researcher claims. The man had foreign accent syndrome, a rare condition that scientists say may shed light on how different parts of the hrain contribute to spoken language. (AP)

### Travel time cut

Berge - Because of decisions taken by the European Goods Trains Timetable Conference, travel times are to be shortened on some Swiss railway routes to northern Germany and Austria beginning in 1991. (AFP)

# Britons in 'foolhardy' desert escape

Arabia, keeping off the roads, it was disclosed yesterday. Their initiative proved

controversial, being seen as courageous hy some hut foolhardy by others. A haspital which employs two of them criticised it as "dangerous and irresponsible", and it was contrary to British Embassy

Harold Walker, the British ambassadnr, yesterday re-peated his view that the 400

THREE Britings have escaped from Iraq by driving 200 miles across the desert to Saudi confirmed that the government took the same view.

One of those who escaped was named as Luke Coates, aged 38, from south west England, but the identity of strong advice of both the the others was not disclused. British and Irish ambassadors All had asked British dip-lomats in Saudi Arahia for anonymity.

detained should not try to dangerous thing to have at-escape. There should be no tempted. Thankfully they are the hospital, including 200

might have for everybody else who has remained in

in Iraq." Mr Keenan said there would be a feeling of some concern among staff remaining at the Ibn Al Bitar Two of the men were many nurses from a hospital operated by Parc, a subsidiary of the Irish airline Aer Lingus.

"The Keenan Parc's manager granted to the hospital by the Irish authorities last week."

in an Iraqi court charged with trying to leave the country without the proper docu-TOKYO: Iraq has released

a Japanese hostage into the custody of the Japanese em-bassy in Baghdad and two or three others would be freed on Thursday, Kyodo news agency said (Reuter reports). Japanese television said that Iraq planned to release four Japanese in the next two days, according to the chairman of the Iraqi national assembly, Saadi Mahdi Saleh.

# 'The Captain' fills vacuum left by Aoun

From Juan Carlos Gumucio in Bikfaya, lebanon

"THE Captain" is a big, that and would not reveal his crying, pleading with me to Hrawi and the Syrians have inter-Christian conflict. Mr balding militiaman with a name—looks like a man with spare his life. I could have shot apparently decided to be Georges Saade, the leader of the Phalange party, the largest Aoun five days ago, is playing a new role in the Christian enclave of Lebanon. As the commander of the Syrian Social National Party in the mountains northeast of Beigladly filled the vacuum left by the retreat of General Aoun's forces. Under the Syrian-backed

plan to extend President Hrawi's authority to the ento disarm his men and leave. But yesterday, as President Hrawi's tanks moved slowly not contemplating moving. Far from it. Sipping coffee and smoking cigarettes with Lebanese army officers at the SSNP's new office, just off this Phalangist who killed my refuses to give up the strip of Bikfaya's main street, the brother Walid in 1980. He coastal territory running north Syrian tanks has automati- unexpected nightmare for the Captain - he likes to be called threw himself at me. He was from Beirut's port. President cally provoked fears of a new

signer spectacles and, since the ragtag army of bearded youths But I told him that I had not The government is expected defeat of General Michel with red headbands and new come to seek revenge. He to be reorganised next week fatigues could be fighting on behalf of the Syrians. The mainly Christian SSNP Then there is a long puff of

is a curious and ambitious smoke. "We are bere for Lebanese organisation. It addifferent reasons," he says. vocates Syrian nationalism rut, he and his men have and proposes the unification is to hold Bikfaya until the of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Iraq, Kuwait and But perhaps the most im-Cyprus. Its roots are in the portant - which he does not mountains of Lebanon. So, when General Aoun's 5th Syria's mid-term objective in Brigade was defeated in the Lebanon: the neutralisation of Sabra and Chatilla refugee. clave, the Captain would have nearby hills of Dhour Choucir the Phalangist "Lebanese camps in 1982, has personal on Saturday, the Captain led Forces" militia of Samir scores to settle with Mr ported that among those freed his lorries and military vehicles into the heart of the them as "the most dangerous into the mountains, he was rival Phalange Party's and destructive thing in country.

He remembers his entrance

could not believe it," he added with a chuckle.

One of them, the Captain says, Lebanese Army arrives in full. admit - is connected with Geagea. The Captain refers to

Lebanon". Despite Mr Geagea's welinto Bikfaya well. "Here I was come of the Syrian army driving my "Jeep" when I saw presence in east Beirut, he still

The government is expected

and it is expected that Mr Geagea will be invited to join it, provided he dismantles his powerful militia. If he does not, the Syrians will probably ask the Captain and Elie Hobeika, the leader of the Syrian-wing of the "Lebanese Forces" to persuade him.

Mr Hobeika, the militia commander who led the Roumieh prison. Yesterday, massacre of Palestinians in the Geagea. He was ousted as head of the "Lebauese Forces" in 1986 and forced out of the elect Bashir Gemayel, who enclave by Mr Geagea for

Damascus. Mr Hobeika's return to the And, just like the Captain's enclave on the back of the men, he could become an

Christian party, has already accused Mr Hobeika of harassment and revenge attacks and yesterday warned that his followers are ready to confront threats. The Syrians are making it

clear that the SSNP is bound

to make a comeback. On Tuesday night Syrian soldiers were reported to have freed a number of inmates from the the newspaper An Nida, the nese communist party, rewas Habib al-Chartouni, the reputed assassin of presidentwas killed by a bomb explobeing too complacent with sion in 1982. Mr Chartonni is one of the heroes of the SSNP.

Ionathon Porritt on how London's trattic agony might be cured.

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# Federal breakdown nears as Bush vows to veto budget plan

in American government came closer yesterday as Presideni Bush said he would veto the tax-raising budget proposal passed by the House of Representatives on Tuesday.

deadline for a deal drew cent. There would be a one-closer, the Senate spent the year freeze on inflation adjustday struggling with an alter-native budget, which has no and personal allowances explicit income tax rises and raising the tax bill for a family which the president would probably endorse.

The two meaures bave to be come over \$1 million would "reconcited" by a joint com-mittee of the Senate and The House bill has the sup-House before being sent to the White House for signature. If president and Congress cannni agree, there is a growing possibility of Mr Busb bringallowing federal spending authority to lapse, throwing large areas of American life into confusion in the run-up to the Navember 6 elections.

The House bill, which conincreases and benefit cuts proposed on Capitol Hill, was passed amid acrimonious raise more than \$175 billion (£89 billion) in new taxes over almost certain to be needed

contributing to the total targetted reduction in the majority is only 55 to 45. federal deficit of \$500 billioo during that period.

Marginal tax rates for the highest earners would rise As the Friday midnight from 28 per cent to 33 per ments for income tax rates of four earning \$40,000 by more than \$300. Taxable in-

port of about balf the Democrats in the Senate too, where numerous competing plans and half-plans circulated yesterday. The latest is backed by ing matters to a bead by the influential Democrat senators, Sam Nunn of Georgia and David Boren of Okla-boma, and backs a bigger capital gains tax, as wanted by Mr Bush, as well as higher rates for top income-tax paytains the largest set of tax ers. Republican senators continued to make clear that they would accept no rise in income tax rates, even in return for capital gains concessions. Some Republican votes are

for a successful package io the Senate, where the Democrat

President Bush missed the first game in the baseball World Series to monitor the House vote. Afterwards he coodemned it as a "partisan vote which turned back the clock through a tax increase on working men and women. That's why I will veto it should it reach my desk".

The president is under growing pressure from conservative advisers to let the government's spending au-thority fall and to mount a heightened campaign to blame the Democrats for the con-sequences. Democrats are increasingly convinced, bow-ever, that they have the president in a corner and that Mr Bush will find it hard to deflect public anger over a closure of government ser-vices. The Republicans are braced to receive the brunt of the voters' rage on November 6, and although this may not cost many seats, it could be a decisive blow against the party taking control of the Senate during the Busb presidency.

Anatole Kaletsky, page 14



Flame throwers: radical South Korean students, wearing hoods and towels as organised yesterday to demand the dissolution of the National Security

rence arm. Meanwhile, in talks in the North Kerean capital of Pyongyang yesterday, South Korean demands for

Mak, North Korea's prime s meeting Kang Young Hoon, his South Korean counterpart, said the South's policy was aimed at maintaining the status quo. Although North Korea's reaction was expected, South Korean

officials viewed it as discouraging.

# De Klerk faces tax revolt by far right

From Gavin Bell.
IN JOHANNESBURG

FIGHTING a rearguard action against liberal reforms, South Africa's right wing has come up with a new strategy for forcing the government to call a general election — a tax

Calls for a campaign of civil disobedience, including the disruption of public meetings addressed by cabinet ministers, evoked an enthusiastic response at the national congress of the Conservative Party, at which President de Klerk was compared with Nuremberg war criminals.

Fiery rhetoric preceded the unanimous adoption of a resolution calling on the National Party government to resign immediately and hold an election, because it was acting against the will of the majority of whites.

Ferdie Hartzenberg, the vatives should refuse to pay taxes, and pay them instead into a trust fund administered by the party. Conservative jail for participating in the defiance campaign, he said.

Meanwhile right-wing students at Pretoria university heckled Gerrit Viljoen, the minister of constitutional development, when he tried to explain his vision of a postapartheid society. Dr Viljoen was interrupted repeatedly by calls for an election, and for an Afrikaner fatherland.

For Andrics Treurnicht, the party leader, these are momentous times. Having seen his party winning almost a third of the white vote in the last elections a year ago, he is spoiling for a fight.

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standing ovation at a public rally in Durban when he declared the National Party had lost its mandate to govern as it no longer represented the majority of whites.



From Andrew Lycer IN ADDIS ABABA

THE triptych of Marx, Engels and Lenin may have been re-moved from Revolution Square in the centre of Addis Ababa, and the triumphal arch exhorting workers of the world to unite crudely whitewashed over on the road to the airport. But some things do not hange in Ethiopia. The war in the north grinds on, and President Mengistu's press gangs roam the streets of Addis Ababa looking for new

army recruits. They began a new drive last weekend. "We call them musclebrains, because they can't think," said Wolde, 22, a university arts student. you're a student. They throw away your ID card, give you a gun, and put you on a heli-copier to a training camp in the south." Recruits spend six weeks there before joining the armies in Eritrea and Tigré.

Wolde is one of the growin band of Ethiopians disaffect from President Mengistu's military regime and, unlike even a couple of years ago, willing to say so. In May, after the execution of 12 generals involved in a coup plot, strength for the first time since the overthrow of the late emperor, Haile Selassie, in 1974. Two were killed when

riot police opened fire, and the university was closed early.

The new academic year sees Ethiopia at a watershed. On the one hand, there are tentative moves towards economic liberalisation, particularly in land tenure and agricultural marketing. A tangible spirit of glasnost prevails as the autocratic President Mengistu stuggles to find a

political consensus. On the other hand, the war is all-encroaching, and no apologist can pretend the government is winning. Recent re-verses, particularly the fall of the crucial Red Sea port of Massawa to the Eritrean Peo-ple's Liberation Front in February, have intensified aspects of the military society.

Liberalisation and the war are inextricably linked. Over the past year, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have thrashed out a policy framework pro-gramme with the Ethiopian government. This calls for a three-year package of economic incentives, price reduction and currency devaluation, in return for Western financial support. However, deputy leader, said Conser- the West has declined to give support until expenditure on

the war is curtailed. President Mengistu has been forced to redouble his MPs were prepared to go to peace efforts, while always emphasising that he will go to any lengths except negotiating the dismemberment of his country.

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Mengistn: struggling to find political consensus

# Warning of unrest by Malaysia leader

By M. G. G. PILLAI IN KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK Seri Mahathir Mo- wants a university in the state. hamed, the Malaysian prime minister, has given a warning of political instability should his National Front not be returned to power with a twothirds majority in the weekend general elections.

Still smarting from the withdrawal of an important coalition partner in the multiparty National Front, he could lose his position, although the National Front might continue to govern. The front or its predecessor, the Alliance, have formed every government since 1957.

The Christian-based Parti Bersatu Sabah (United Sabah Party or PBS) withdrew from the coalition and aligned itself Sabah and Sarawak. with the opposition coalition Gagasan Rakyat (People's Might) led by the former finance and trade minister, Tunku Tan Razaleigh Hamzah. Dr Mahathir's keenest political rival.

With his dependence on

non-Malay supportDr Maha-thir's position is looking weaker than at any time since he came to power in 1981. The PBS-led state govern-

the general elections. The PBS withdrew from the coalition the next day.

Malaysia's eighth general election since independence is likely to be the most keenly fought. For the first time, the governing and opposition coalitions have an even chance of taking power. Malaysia's multi-racial makeup ensures that no one can form the government without the back-

higher oil royalties, and a

television station. On Sunday, Dr Mahathir said he would

consider the demands after

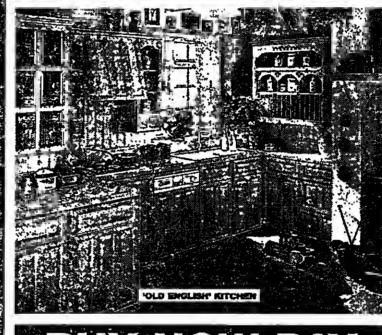
dians - and of the states of Dr Mahathir says omi-nously that the 1969 racial riots broke out when the government nearly lost its two-thirds parliamentary majority - as it is in danger of

ing of the three main races -

the Malays, Chinese and In-

doing again. Tunku Razaleigh has now won over three parties from the National Froot. The PBS is expected to be returned in Sabah. He only has to be returned in another 40 constitment has felt short-changed by uencies to make the prime the federal government. It minister's position shaky.





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# Ukrainian hunger-strikers get their first taste of victory

WEARING a white head band with the inscription "I'm on bunger strike," one activist swigged water under the warm bunger strike," autumn sun. "Its my tenth day without food but I do take water, Taras said. Some 200 others, recognisable by their headbands. are doing likewise. A few have been on absolute deprivation but ni these, two were taken away by ambulance and put in intensive care yesterday.

Around Taras, aged 30, supporters in an assortment of coloured headwear moved about with herb tea, fruit juices and water for those in white headbands. Among the recipients was Zosya, a grand-mother aged 53. "My granddaughter joined the strike and I

Ukraine's president has thrown the public a bone with Vitali Masol's resignation as prime minister. But as Nick Worrall reports from Kiev, that may not stop clamour for reform

stand for what she stands for so I of passers-by, many of whom were joined her," Zosya said. It was her third day without food.

Next to her, amid the hundred or so tents, two teenage girl students sat sipping herb tea. "It was a great joy for us to hear that Masol would resign," said Natalya. "Yes, our first big victory," said Olyana, "We'll be here until they give us everything wewant." They seemed to be having a good time. So did the thousands

shouting in support. Others bought flowers from street sellers

and handed them to students. The huge crowds packing the city centre and constant disruption from marches have provoked fears that the conservative authorities will use force to clear the city. That worry increased when students succeeded three days ago in setting up a small 12-tent camp outside the main door of par-

mighty river Dnepr. Some dep-utes from the 239-strong majority conservative bloc of the Communist Party, which dominates the 450-seat partiament, are calling for a state of emergency.

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There are 33 hunger strikers here, eight of them opposition deputies. By yesterday, more than 1,000 police had been drafted in to rotect parliament. Only regular uniforms were visible around the building, but men in riot gear could be seen in the forest near by and two vehicles with water cannon were outside the health ministry. Dozens of lorries and buses betrayed the presence of police reservists.

the crowd, a gap opened and three priests and two nuns from the Ukrainian Catholic Church, banned by Stalin in 1941 and still not officially reinstated by Moscow, walked through to chant

blessings to the activists. A benign watcher was burly Major-General Valentin Neorigailo, commander of Kiev police, imposing in grey greatcoal, red patches and capband. Asked if he would be ordered to disperse the students by force, he said that since Kiev council had agreed to allow the protest, his men's function was simply to keep order. This we are doing he said. "And we are also providing protection for the demonstrators

them. This has brought us closer together." So did he sympathise with their demands? "I think everything they want will be fulfilled in time. But perhaps the young people are a litte mpationL

This evoked sharp disagreement from Larissa Skorik, a radical woman deputy who joined the hunger strike last Saturday. "But we are making progress." sbe said. "The government is frightened by what's happening and there are more than a million people, perhaps two million now, supporting the demonstration. There are tent cities springing up elsewhere in the Ukraine."

But Miss Skorik believed the

as in Azerbaijan in January, when 162 people died, or in Georgia in April 1989, when troops killed 20 demonstrators. "I think, though, that the police would not be happy about violence. It's possible they would even stand between the military and the people."

President Leonid Kravchuk has thrown the demonstrators a bone with the announcement that his prime minister will resign. But with popular opposition growing daily he may not be able to resist presure to go further. And that would signal the end of communist power in the Ukraine which, after Russia, is the Soviet Union's most populated and productive republic.

France to

restructure

nuclear

defence

capability

From PHILIP JACOBSON **LN PARIS** 

BEHIND a barrage of leaks to the

press, the French government is

preparing a comprehensive de-fence review that will end three

decades of reliance on the present

mix of its nuclear "dissuasion

forces". Before the end of this week, President Mitterrand is expected to announce details of

France's response to the new

strategic challenges of the 1990s

and beyond, possibly involving a

decision to downgrade, or even

abandon, further development of the nation's ground-to-ground

nuclear missile capability.

According to observers bere, M

Mitterrand, as head of state, may

opt to retain only the airborne-

and submarine-launched missile

components of the independent

deterrent. A few days ago, Michel

Rocard, the prime minister, Jean-

Pierre Chevenement, the defence

minister, and the military high

command were summoned to the

Elysee for a briefing on what had

A subsequent, evidently well-

informed, report in the financial

daily, Les Echos, said defence

insiders considered the French

nuclear submarine force, five-

strong with another under con-

struction, as "the heart of our system of dissuasion". There could therefore, be on question of

sacrificing any aspect of that programme in the name of a

peace dividend": defence min-

istry projections envisage the sub-

marines remaining pivotal for

Intriguingly, there is general

agreement here that the British

in the decision whether to reduce

the ground-based or airborne

nuclear arsenal. Advocates of

increased spending on a new air-

delivered weapon for use with

France's advanced Rafale fighter

say that approval from Margaret

Thatcher for joint development of

the proposed longer-range missile (a decisioo is expected before the end of the year) would provide a significant financial incentive for

By some accounts, the French

would look to London to chip in

with Ffr 5 billion (£500 million)

for the project, which could provide the British nuclear strike

force of Tornado aircraft with its

required new missile. It is

acknowledged, however, that a

competing programme put for-ward by America represents a

The fate of France's ground-to-

ground nuclear force, 18 S3

missiles in silos on the Albion

plateau in southern France, will be

sealed if, as some observers anuci-

pate, M Mitterrand opts to drop a

Ffr 30 billion modernisation pro-

gramme. That would mean in

effect maintaining Albion until

the S3s become obsolete at the

end of the century, leaving the

field to the submarine-airborne

M Mitterrand hopes that

unveiling this programme will end

discontent from the military

establishment, where complaints

about "paralysis" in defence thinking are freely expressed. It is

not just a question of adjusting

budgets or juggling arms projects.

critics argue: France must decide

systems.

threat to French hopes.

another 30 years.

going ahead.

been decided.

# Sombre MPs prepare reply on Gorbachev market reform

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

COMMITTEES and commissions of the Soviet parliament met behind closed doors yesterday to draft their response to what is regarded as positively President Gorbachev's last word on shifting the nation from central planning to a market economy without provoking a revolution.

Committee members would say nothing about their deliberations, which were believed to he subdued. A deputy chairman of the economic reform commission said its meeting had been completed within the morning and he did not want to say more because his words would "only be distorted". What had happened was "no subject for a telephone conversation", but he would not

agree to a meeting.

However, the silence from the committee rooms was more than compensated for by the uproar occasioned by a stinging attack from Boris Yeltsin, the president of the Russian Federation, on the new economic document, His immediate dismissal of it as an attempt to keep the "command administrative system" in power was widely interpreted as marking the end of the uneasy coalition he had joined with President Gorbachev at the beginning of August and the start of open warfare between the Soviet leadership and the federation. There are more subtle interpretations of his re-

### Havel sacks minister of defence

Prague - President Havel of Czeeboslovakia, dismissed Miroslav Vacek, his defence minister, vesterday and gave temporary control of the armed forces to Marian Calfa, the prime minister (Peter Green writes).

A presidential spokeswoman refused to comment on the rea-sons, but General Vacek, who had been army chief of staff and a Communist Party member under the previous regime, had been blamed for recent army attempts to cover up plans to suppress last November's "Velvet Revolution" by delaying the release of documents to a presidential commission of enquiry.

General Vacek has also been criticized for his slowness in implementing army command

### Mosque meeting

Delhi - The Indian government has called multi-party talks in discuss the Hindu-Muslim dispute nver an ancient religious site in the northern city of Ayodhya. The government coalition's principal partner, the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party, said it would withdraw and bring down the administration rather than give up plans to dismantle an ancient mosque in

### Convoy escort

Madrid - The Spanish interior ministry has assigned more than 1,000 Civil Guards tn escort 400 foreign lorries, held up at the French border by striking Spanish lorry drivers. Fresh fish and produce have disappeared from supermarket shelves in several cities and factories are closing for lack of parts and raw materials.

### Convent replaced

Building work has begun on a new convent to replace the controversial Carmelite convent on the site of the Auschwitz camp in Poland. According to a letter from Cardinal Josef Glemp, Primate nf Poland, to Sir Sigmund Sternberg, a leader of the Jewish community in Britain, two storeys should be complete by winter.

### Abduction claim

Stockholm - A Kenyan exiles group in Sweden has accused President Moi and an unnamed second country, of abducting and repatriating from Norway, Koigi wa Wamwere, the leader of the clandestine Kenya Patriotic Front. He was arrested near Nairobi, having, according to the Kenya government, crossed illegally from Uganda in plnt armed insurrection. (Reuter)

marks, however, in which he was careful not to close the door completely on co-operation with Mr Gorbachev. According to this

bid for a place in the leadership, not instead of Mr Gorbachev, but alongside him. Strikingly absent from the options Mr Yeltsin outlined for Russia in the light of the new economic document was any suggestion that the federation should split from the union. His programme has called only for Russia to be allowed to run its-

own affairs within a looser federal

The first option he proposed on Tuesday was for the Russian Federation to introduce its own currency and tax system and demand a division of property between the centre and the republic - but not a political division. His second option was for partial co-operation with the centre in the expectation that the centre would abandon its diluted version after six months and join the faster Russian programme.

His third option, however, was the most telling. This was for a national coalition government in which some ministers would be appointed by the president, and others by "supporters-of radical change", presumably including himself. The only condition he set was the departure of Nikolai Ryzhkov, the prime minister.

The terms in which Mr Yeltsin criticised Mr Gorbachev's latest document lend credence to the view that his move was more a bid for joint power than a declaration of war. He complained that the proposed retention by the centre of many powers amounted to an attempt to preserve the nld bureaucratic system.

But Mr Yeltsin must have been well aware of the president's views. Mr Gorbachev has remained unswerving on three points: central fiscal control; a single currency; and a single customs regime. His priority has

always been to keep the Soviet Union a recognisably single state. This aim was partially disguised last month when he expressed his preference for the "500-day" pro-gramme, drafted by Stanislav Shatalin, over the more conservative offering from Mr Ryzhkov. But when Mr Shatalin claimed that Mr Gorbachev had accepted 99 per cent of his plan, he was right noly so far as the number of words was concerned. He neelected to say that the 1 per cent of changes were crucial because they included reinstating the primacy of the centre over the republics on

key questions, especially money. The latest document simply spells out the implications of those changes — something Mr Yeltsin would have been quite capable of doing six weeks ago. That he has spoken out only now suggests that he has judged this the best time to

seize his chance.

• Russian resignation: The coauthor of the radical plan for the transition to the market economy resigned yesterday as deputy prime minister of the Russian Federation, Tass said. Grigori Yavlinsky said he was quitting because it was unrealistic to hope that Russia could carry out the plan if the central government passed Mr Gorbachev's more moderate version. (Reuter)

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Opposition camp: Ukrainian nationalists protesting at their camp outside the Kiev parliament, where dozens have been on hunger strike in protest over proposals to transfer hard-currency earnings to Moscow. They are demanding the dissolution of parliament

# EC farm compromise in the balance

From MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

AMID rising tempers and growing confusion, European Community farm ministers meet in Luxembourg again tomorrow to seek agreement on a compromise package of agricultural subsidy cuts. But Brussels was itself locked in fierce argument yesterday over the controversial proposals, which critics say will ruin any chance of agreement with the United States in the current world trade negotiations.

terday insisted that Ray MacSharry, the agricultural commissioner, had not given unconditional backing to the latenight compromise nn Tuesday, which proposed special aid to cushion the blow to European farmers and significantly tough-

The attempt to tone down Mr MacSharry's original 30 per cent cut in internal price subsidies deletes his offer of an 8 per cent increase in the amount of oil-seed and cereal substitutes the US can export duty-free to the EC. This sop to European farmers, worried about US encroachment in this market, will infuriate American farmers who depend on Europe for

ened the EC's posture towards

ing the offer would also deprive the Community of its last bargaining card in the effort to get Washingtoo to accept price and export subsidy cuts lower than those tabled by America in Geneva on Monday.

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Tomorrow's meeting risks yet

tended by several hundred

There will never again be an anti-

democratic power on Croatian

soil, and in particular, there

cannot be a greater Serbia, nor a unitarian Yugoslavia." He added that should Croatia's sovereignty

he threatened, the entire nation

would come to its defence and, if

necessary, use force.

another restatement of the same entrenched positions. Commission sources said that the wbole issue might be taken over by foreign ministers meeting on Mon-

day.

Mr MacSharry warned EC min-isters oo Tuesday that if they did not agree then and there to the compromise, he could not present his Brussels colleagues with a fait accompli that would persuade them to accept the modifications. trade commissioner, is leading the fight for a less protectionist Community offer in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt). Sources said yesterday's commission row pitting Mr Andriessen against Mr MacSharry

was likely to be protracted.

sidies - the real target of US wrath - cannot be considered separately from the negotiations; it promises that sacrifices by farmers would be shared out in an "equitable" way. taking into account the particular difficulties of such members as the Mediterranean countries; and it commits the EC to a "fresb cultural Policy - a phrase designed to win the approval of Britain.

The compromise, drawn up by

the Italian presideocy softens the

commission proposal in three

ways: it insists that export sub-

John Gummer, the agricultural secretary, said the EC's dithering played right into the hands of America, which bas already lined up considerable support in Gatt for dinstic cuts in farm subsidies.

# **Croats and Slovenes** reject central rule

From Dessa Trevisan in BELGRADE

YUGOSLAVIA was pushed atia's president, told a rally at- THE Mediterranean Express closer to breaking up after Slovenia's representative stormed nut of a closed meeting of the Yugoslav state presidency on Tuesday. Slovenia is threatening to do so again during the federal parliament's session, while Croatia has rejected a federal plan that would reshape Yugoslavia under a strong central government. The Slovene newspaper, Delo,

said that the state presidency meeting had shown that constructive talks on different ideas about Yugoslavia's future were impossible as the atmosphere in the country was rising to fever pitch. It quoted Janez Drnovsek, Slovenia's representative on the state presidency, as saying that there was no willingness to discuss any other option except the nne pre-sented by Serbia and endorsed by President Juvic, himself a Serb.

President Jovic was due to present to parliament last night the draft for the future federal structure of Yugoslavia, but the session was delayed after the representatives of Slovenia and Croatia said they would boycott parliament unless the confederal option was given equal treatment. Reaffirming Croatia's position in even stronger words than hitherto, Franjo Tudjman, Cro-

# Serb uprising leaves vital port isolated

comes to an abrupt halt an hour thousand people in Zagreb: north of Knin. Beyond the station of Gracac, in southern Croatia, the line stretches through a barren landscape of bleak rock, uninviting even in less-troubled times. This is the fault line between Croat and Serb, and although nominally Croatia extends its rule from bere down to the coast of Dalmatia, the next 50 miles are a



Return favour: Franjo Tudjman, the president of Croatia, waves to the crowd after restoring a statue of a Croat hero to Zagreb

### no-go area. Since last month, when the Serbs in Knin seized arms to prevent what they be-

lieved was a Croat attempt to tighten Zagreb's control over the region, rail and road traffic bas dwindled to a trickle. Shots have been fired at Croatian lorries

and mines along the railway line. "You must leave the train here. We cannot guarantee your safety beyond Gracae," the ticket collec-tor, a Croat, explained to a handful of passengers hoping to reach the coastal city of Split before nightfall. The passengers shuffled off, talking of making a detour of 350 miles through

attempting to reach the coast.

There are daily reports of bombs

Trains now rarely go beyond Gracac. Nearby, road traffic ceases after dusk, though a Serb taxi driver runs the gauntlet of roadblocks, his Belgrade numberplate acting as a talisman.

At Gracac and at other stations further up the line towards Zagreb, tons of freight have been apparently abandoned in railway wagons. Destined for sbips in Split and Zadar, their failure to reach the Dalmatian coast is costing Croatian businesses more than £500,000 a week. Passenger traffic has virtually ceased and at the local office of Generalturist, the Croatian tourist agency, managers say the firm faces losses this season running into millions of pounds.

By controlling Knin, the Serbs paralyse the most important railway juoction in Croatia, and attempts by the Croatian authorities to play down the conflict must ultimately fail as the economic burden cripples more and more of Zagreb's foreign-trade companies.

In Knio itself, life appears normal. Serbs say their action is designed only to protect themselves against the Zagreb government ruled by a nationalist, rightwing party under General Franjo Tudiman. As far as the Serbs are concerned, this party is "fascist" and bears a strong similarity to the nazi puppet Ustasha state, wbich ruled Croatia during the second world was.

now what tasks the armed forces should perform. That objective has not been helped by the infighting among the different service chiefs about where the spending axe should fall. Nor does continuing uncertainty over the future of M Chevenement - whose evident lack of enthusiasm for the main thrust of French policy in the Gulf has complicated all defence decisions - make a smooth transition easy.

As it is, the Gulf confrontation has focused attention on France's ability to throw conventional forces swiftly into a troublespot far beyond the old "European theatre". The simultaneous use of les paras to hold the ring in Rwanda merely underlines the case for increased strategic flexibility.

Among the top brass in every service. there is a feeling that the debate, which officially concerns defence planning for 1992-96, comes at a moment when they are vulnerable to pressure for big spending cuts. The transformation of the geopolitical background against which the French military establishment must fight, against all the other national priorities, has sharpened the belief that it is crucial to get it right this time.

### Crime syndicates tighten grip on Italy their home ground the organ-

From Paul Bompard IN ROME

THE Mafia, the Camorra and the 'Ndrangheta are increasing their hold over southern Italy, gaining political control and economic influence over entire areas, according to a report by Italy's intelligence services.

The report was presented by Giulio Andreotti, the prime minister, only bours after the resignation on Tuesday of Antonin Gava, the interior minister, and as the government announced new measures to try to combat the spreading plague of organised crime. While the greatest alarm is

caused by the growing political

and economic weight of criminal organisations, the crime rate is also rising sharply. In the first six months of 1990, in the southern regions of Sicily, Calabria and Campania, there were 774 murders compared with fewer than 700 in the same period last year. Armed robberies also increased by about 20 per cent to 5,435 over the same period. In 1989, there were more than two million crimes reported all over Italy, compared

with 740,000 in 1980. According to the report, the Sicilian Mafia has 180 "families", with 4,000 members. In Calabria, the 'Ndrangheta has 140 cosche, or gangs, with about 5,000 members.

In Campania, the region around Naples, the Camorra is divided between the older and more powerful "clans", specialising in international drug trafficking, and a host of minor "clans" which operate on a local basis all over southern Italy - a total of more than 100 clans and 6,000 people. There are thus 15,000 full-time

operatives of three inter-linked organisations with, according to Signor Andreotti, connections with international crime and drug trafficking syndicates and sophisticated money recycling operations through finance bouses and property firms in Milan. Signor Andreotti said that on

the state". New measures announced by the government include stiffer sentences without parole, closer

contro! of the allocation of public contracts, and tighter weapons laws. Many Italians fear, however, that organised crime is oow a part of the nation's economic and political reality.

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# **Democrats** misdirected

**Anatole Kaletsky** 

moves into recession, banks teeter on the brink of failure and another government shuldown looms, the world's most powerful nation may appear to be sliding lowards political and economic disaster. The truth is less alarming but more complex. America does face a crisis: not of constitutional or economic disintegration, but of ideology.

The fundamental reason President Bush cannot agree a hudget with Congress is that struggle between left and right has unexpectedly returned to American politics. For the first time in a decade or more, politicians are asking a taboo question: should the costs of government fall more

oo the rich or on the poor? After the long period of false innocence and market-researched consensus that followed the Democrats' crushing defeats in three successive presidential elections, the breaking of the taboo on economic ideology is playing havoc with the rules of the game.

The Democrats' decisive lurch towards ideological warfare came on Tuesday night, when the House of Representatives passed a budget plan built around higher income taxes - an increase from 28 to 33 per cent in the marginal tax rate on incomes above \$186,000 a year, and a further 10 per cent surcharge on incomes above \$1 million. The ideological import of this was reinforced by Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House tax-writing committee, who was one of the Reagan adminiostration's most powerful collaborators within the Demo-cratic party. "People should be taxed according to their ability to pay," he said on Tuesday. " Simply stated, that means that high-income people should pay more than low-income people

The panic sown in the White by this frootal attack on 1980s ideology was illustrated by President Bush's reaction. As public opinion polls revealed that 87 per cent of Americans on incomes below \$30,000 a year disapprove of current economic policies, he answered the call for higher taxes on millionaires with an insouriance worthy of Marie Antoinette: "If this hudget bill reaches my desk, I will veto it because it raises the income taxes of the working men and women of

But though Mr Bush's initial response to this attack from the left was misjudged, his position is not necessarily weak or economically unsound. Politically, he still has Americao history, as well as powerful lobbying forces, on his side in the battle against egalitar-ian taxation. Economically, there are many good arguments against raising iocome tax rates in America which have hardly been heard in the misleading and casuistical debales of the 1980s about "supply side economics".

The invitation to a special

screening of The Green Man, starring Albert Fin-

ney, has had pride of place on

our hall table for some weeks

Theatre, British Academy of

Film and Television Arts.

Piccadilly. Tuesday. October 16th at 7 pm prompt," it states.

and people who came to the flat

- the Portuguese Maria who

washes and irons, our window

cleaner and occasional mes-

sengers bearing parcels - were

As an observer of the Holly-

wood scene and sometime sub-

scriber to Secrets of the Stars

and Screen Idols. I know quite a

hit about special screenings.

They begin with a stretch

limousine taking the artiste to

Grauman's Chinese Theatre,

where there is a patch of soft

cement in which to leave the

impression of one's foot, then a

saunter along the red carpet

beneath the canopy past the

gaping, cheering crowd that

strains against a wall of good-

humoured policemen and into

the fover with its banks of lights

and rows of photographers; here

the carpet is deeper, and high-

heeled container-loads of mink-

encased womanhood parade under gallons of mascara top-

A smile to Myrna Lov, an in-

clination of the head towards

C. Auhrey Smith, oh look.

there's Brando again, Next

come the posse of journalists

with their questions: No. one

repeals, we are just good

friends; yes, I certainly hope

that the great public out there

There is something seriously

engaging about the movie busi-

ness in general and first nights

in particular, appearing in a production accorded such ritual

is quite especially wonderful

and yes, I play - as we say in the

industry - opposite Finney.

though my name is given an

inferior position in the credits;

this could be to do with the fact

that he precedes me in strict

On Tuesday old Lady F said

she would come with me, will it

be smart? I told her to take off

the sweatshirt I had given her

for our ruby wedding outing,

the one with A Wife Is Not Just

For Christmas printed on the

will lerve the film.

alphabetical order.

ped hy acres of bouffant hair.

impressed. You can tell.

now "At the Princess Anne

...and moreover

**CLEMENT FREUD** 

s the American economy incomes in many parts of America are already quite highly taxed by international standards. The present top marginal rate of 31 per cent appears low, but this takes no account of state and local taxes. For residents of New York Cily, for instance, the top marginal income tax rate is almost 45 per cent, which is higher than the rates in many European countries.

Americans often forget that their tax system is more comprehensive than most other countries'. Despite the complexity of the tax code, there are probably fewer loopholes and exemptions than, for example, in Britain. The main exception to this is the availability of unlimited deductions for mortgage interest. For the Democrats to attack interest deductions on million-dollar mortgages would be much better than pressing for straight increases in taxes on income — and the party's leadership in the Senate seems to have grasped this, which may facilitate a compromise with the White House.

The third and most important objection to the American left's newfouod preoccupation with in-come taxes is that it distracts them from the real fiscal issue at the heart of the country's social problems. What is unusual about America's fiscal structure compared with that elsewhere is not the low level of income and corporate taxes, but the negligible level of taxes on consumption. In most European countries, consumption taxes such as VAT and petrol duty account for 50 per cent or more of government budgets. In America, indirect taxes contribute only about 10 per cent.

Economists almost unanimously consider consumption taxes preferable to taxes on income, because they have less effect on incentives. But politically, consumption taxes have an even more important advantage. Unlike income tax, which arouses resentment with every pay cheque, indirect taxes become almost in-visible after an initial outcry. As a result, governments in other industrialised countries collect on average one-third more revenue than America in relation to gross nat-ional product, yet suffer less resistance from taxpayers. At present, the Democrats resist

virtually all consumption taxes with a burning ferocity, on the grounds that they are less progressive than income tax. What they should realise, however, is that the social impact of a fiscal system should be judged as a whole, and not by individual taxes. If higher consumption taxes were lo stave off cuts in social spending and, ultimately enable America to reach consensus in favour of a welfare safety net for its poorest citizens, the overall effect would be

highly progressive. If the American left really wants a fairer society, rather than merely to score debating points, this is

back, and to put on her finery.

The producers of The Green

Afan did not send a limo, so we

drove: left Wimpole Street at

6.15 pm, which was wise, for

much traffic was moving to-

wards Piccadilly. Special screenings of three 50-minute

episodes with Finney and me

I have to admit to an initial

disappointment: although the

theatre is in her name, the

Princess Royal was not present,

nor was Mr Albert Finney, nor

audience, nor fans; also we were

what you would call much of an

the only ones who had dressed

The Green Man - to be

shown on BBC TV later this

year - starts irrelevantly with a

gruesome scene in a forest,

which turns out to be a dream

from which Mr Finney wakes in

a cold sweat. He then takes a

hath, drinks some whisky, has

an abortive attempt at empathi-

sing with his 14-year-old daugh-ter and chats to his elderly and

infirm father, who calls him "a

with it," I murmur to my wife. Finally Finney, who portrays

two hours and 25 minutes of

This is mere foreplay, get on

idiosyncratic, lecherous.

are, well, special.

up for the occasion.

# Don't all rush to follow Goldsmith

s capitalism compatible with greenery? When the ecology movement was born 20 years ago, its disciples answered "no."
The rallying cry of the Club of Rome was zero growth. Since then, the debate has become more complex. Cleaning up pollution is expensive, so wealth must be generated to pay for it. It is the advanced economies that care and spend most on maintaining the environment. Capitalist companies have become more and more concerned to clean up their

act, if only for reasons of longterm self-interest. Moreover, the worst environmental degradation was 10 be found in the non-capitalist economies of Eastern

The fundamentalist arguments. however, are bound to be reawakened by the dramatic decision of Sir James Goldsmith, capitalist entrepreneur par excellence, to forsake the world of commerce for a life as a benevoleot green. Influenced by his brother Teddy, who started *The* Ecologist magazine in 1970, Goldsmith is deserting the world of the deal for a new purity. The natural reaction, as with all

prophets, is to write this off as an act of mild dottiness. But he is not alone. At least three other hig husinessmen and three former pop stars turned cotrepreneur







Big names behind greenery: Bradman, McCartney, Goldsmith

have signposted the way. Godfrey Bradman, chairman of the Rosehaugh property company, Lord McAlpine, the construction magnate, and Sir Peter Parker, former chairman of British Rail, have all campaigned on green issues.

Adam Faith, the former singer and actor, is co-ordinating a project to save the black rhino in Tanzania. Paul McCartney and Sting are also converts to the green crusade. Their dedication is perhaps less total than Goldsmith's is shaping up to be, but mere eccentricity does not seem a sufficient explanation. Taken together, their careers have shown all to be astute, and (where oecessary) ruthless. They are not creatures of whim.

Of course, there is nothing new in the marriage of capitalism and philanthropy. The Victorians were familiar with it. The "chocolate philanthropists", the Cadburys and the Rowntrees, were hugely influential in their time. Many good and progressive causes, including green ones, benefit even today from the support of the Rowntree Trusts. Mrs Thatcher's government has often cited their work as an exemplar of a way forward that alleviates the claims on an overburdened state. With greenery (according to the Princess Royal in a speech earlier this month) increasingly siphoning funds from other charitable purposes, there is every reason why it will attract its share from such

Goldsmith is special in that he is openly giving up all commerce for his new cause. He has come round to believing that saving the rainforest and stopping global warming is more important than making more money, and his considerable forume will make him a powerful actor on the scene.

The motivation, of course, may be as much psychological as intel-lectual. Within many entrepreneurial bearts, a tension exists between the frenetic day-to-day activity and a yearning to create and build something that will last.
The store of optimism on which
the successful capitalist depends
runs down. The day to meet one's maker approaches. The worldly pleasures that wealth brings begin to pall. This can give rise to vmandian tendencies, and Sir James's huge environmental reserve in Mexico, devoted to organic farming and the collection

an attempt to leave a monument that time will not wither,

To understand all is to forgive all, and only a sour spirit will fail to respond, at any rate in part, to Goldsmith's endeavour. Other rich, and lesser, men retire to much more damaging activities. In the scale of virtue, saving rainforests beats driving powerboats or swilling champagne with models in an effort to recapture one's vanished youth. The money is his, made fairly according to the rules of the game. If he chooses to

spend it in this way, why not? At the same time, it is to be hoped that Goldsmith's career reorientation will not be followed by all of his ilk. The arguments that once defeated the zero growth merchants retain their force.

The successes of Britain in the Eighties and the future successes of Eastern Europe in the Nincties, depend on the cultivation of the entrepreneurial spirit. If the entire world retreats into the laager as Goldsmith is doing, then poverty. unemployment, a degradation of social services and, yes, ultimately of the environment, will be the inevitable result.

Not everyone has the best part of a billion pounds to cushion a

David Lipsey

# There's no point in knocking: just bring the house down

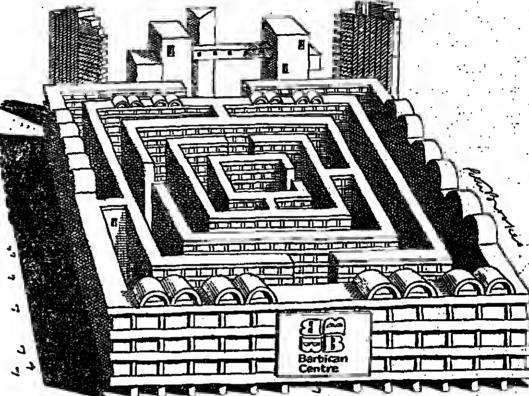
any years ago Sir Thomas Beecham was conducting an orches-tral rehearsal in the Albert Hall when a gang of builders, engaged to do some substantial repairs to the fabric of another part of the hall, and knowing nothing of what was going on in the auditorium, opened up with a chorus of pneumatic drills. As the music petered out in the face of such down his baton and said: "Thank God, gentlemen, they are pulling the bloody place down at last."

They were not; and in time we all grew to love the monstrous thing, particularly when the Festival Hall was built and we no longer had to go there except for the Proms. But no one has come to love the Barbican Centre, and no one ever will or could, and my heart leapl in joy the other day when a too-hastily read headline suggested that they were pulling that bloody place down at last.

They are not, alas; they are only commissioning a study of this monstrous off-white elephant with the intention — quite hopeless, of course - of redesigning the interior to ensure that customers can find the part of the building they are looking for in less than threelack of a sense of direction so extreme that I have difficulty in lelling my right hand from my left. have to be taken hy the arm and put firmly in my seat, but even strong men who have traversed the Gobi desert hlindfold can be seen weeping with frustration and rage, as they go up staircases that lead nowhere but down again, and lifts that deposit a theatre-goer at the library and a concert-seeker at

I should have known. On the night the Oueen ceremonially opened the building. I was, and hy no means alone, attending to my needs in the gentlemen's lavatory when Lady Antonia was ushered in hy a disorientated and flustered guide. As you would expect of one so self-possessed, she rose handsomely to the occasion; without fainting or even (as far as I could see) blushing she made an un-hurried exit, and we all finished what we were doing and straightened our black ties, not least, perhaps, because we had

Bernard Levin believes plans to make the Barbican more accessible should be scrapped and a fresh start ordered



ancient rubric, "Please adjust dress before leaving." The Barbican should sell com-

passes, and no doubt the survey will advise it to do so. But no amount of tinkering will make this gruesome labyrinth user-friendly. And within the general tragedy, there is a more specific one. The interiors of both the principal auditoriums - the concert-hall and the theatre - are admirable; the sweep of the scaling is attractive, the steps are well-measured the sight-lines excellent, the rows spaced so generously that nobody has to stand up to let others get to their places (do you hear that, Bayreuth?) and the seats comfortable and handsomely upholstered.

Alas, would that the auditoriums were the whole of the huilding, for they are surrounded by a grim mediocrity that lowers the high spirits the halls induce. For even if you stay in your seat in the interval (and why should you be obliged

to?), you cannol avoid having to pass through the shoddy mess that is the rest of the building, and pass through it at least twice, moreover,

coming and going. It isn't as though the building is physically hopeless but loved by the performers (such as my dear Wigmore, which is loved by performers and audiences alike, though the frieze at the back of the platform can give you night-mares), the Royal Shakespeare Company unanimously regards the Barbican with a fierce and abiding loathing, and has done so

since the doors opened. The whole place is owned by the City of London, and no one who takes a stroll among the City's most prominent buildings will be surprised at the quality of the Barbican; indeed, the Barbican is much superior to the fruits of the cowardice and laziness that marked the first two post-war architectural generations of the

Square Mile (we are only now seeing creations worthy of the space, such as the Lloyds building). and that make an all too fitting approach to the dismal failure of what should have been a beacon of hope, pleasure and cultural enrichment.

The very doorstep signals the disaster within; newcomers are certain they must have come to the wrong place, for nobody, surely, would seek the entrance of a place of entertainment in a disused coal-mine. Once assured, however, that there is no mistake. they step inside and are faced with a crazy system of "Levels". You and I, not being as clever as the people who devised the system, would think that visitors would at once, logically, go to the ground floor, and thence make their way to whichever floor held what they were looking for. Not so, the crazy paving of which the place is made precludes so sensible an approach. for it is practically impossible to know which level you are on, such is the way it is planned.

The bewildered visitor therefore looks about to find directions. They are there, to be sure, but they are not only singularly unhelpful, but are made in the limpest and most unattractive lettering imag-inable; whoever designed them most have been thinking that the regional airport. As for the decorative devices that are supposed to make the place a thing of beauty, or if not of beauty at least. of excitement. Woolworths in its worst days would never have stooped so low or ugly.

nd so we come, ten years late, to the realisation that Something Must Be Done. The brief for the examiners is "to help people to find their way out of and around the centre, and to locate its key facilities, including the box office, shops and catering. (Shops? Shops? I have been to the Barbican at least 200 times, and the only shop I have ever seen there is the little kiosk that sells play-texts, T-shirts, decorated mugs and the like. Is there, somewhere in its hideous bowels, an arcade of shops that have been concealed from me

Il won't work. The study will be made, recommendations will be accepted and even acted upon, signposts will be strewn throughout the building — why, it is not entirely impossible that an audibly intelligible public address system will be installed. But nothing will be done, because nothing can be done, to lift the pall of disappointment that the Barbican offers the moment the threshold is crossed. And when you think of some of the marvellous performances that have been given in the theatre and the concert-hall, the fact that visitors do not feel excitement, happiness and stimulation, but the pall aforesaid, is the most damning evidence that a great mistake was made at the beginning, and however much tinkering is done. cannot be rectified.

My advice is to abandon the study and the tinkering alike, carefully preserve the auditoriums, pull the rest of the building down, throw it into the Thames and start again. The Thames will complain, but I can't help that.

### been sharply reminded of the Gordievsky's

Kremlin ally

ne of President Gorbachev's top advisers has told Western human rights campaigners that he is involved in "a tug of war" with the Soviet old guard over his efforts to secure exit visas for the family of KGB defector Oleg Gordievsky, whose story has been serialised in The Times this week.

considerable power to help to

Gordievsky, who now lives in alcoholic innkeeper, goes to his London, has been separated from dressing-room to prepare for his wife. Leila. and daughters our scene: he drinks more Marsha, ten, and Anyuta, nine, since he fled from Moscow, fearwhisky, glances at his dress shirts, selects a bow-tie, assesses ing for his life. five years ago. his handkerchiefs. hrushes his Earlier this month. Lord hair, dons a dinner jacket, Bethell, former chairman of the inspects the kitchen, ogles a Europeao Parliament's human woman guest, meets his doctor. rights sub-committee, wrote to caresses the doctor's wife and Fyodor Burlatsky, chairman of the then - you could hear the Supreme Soviet's equivalent audience catch its breath, as body, about the Soviet authorities' when Sinatra begins to sing refusal to allow the family to "My Way" - the door opens leave. Burlatsky, a former speechand Bernard Levin and t enter writer to Khrushchev and new the hostelry, shake Finney by close to Gorbachev, visited Brusthe hand and disappear. sels this week and told MEPs he Not a lot happens after that, would do everything in his quite though we sat through another

reunite the family. "This is a tugassorted scenes: nothing you of-war between human rights bodwould not encounter in an ies such as my own against the average East Anglian hotel with KGB and the ministry of internal the possible exception of the affairs," he said, many naked women, three Buriatsky also hopes to perghosts, the gay vicar and the suade the Soviet government to exhumation of a skeleton that review the espionage laws and looked in good nick considering abolish the death penalty for spying. "With the increasing openhow long it had lain beneath the soil . . . but I have said enough. I ness of Soviet society," says Bethell, "he thinks there is only do not wish to give away the plot, such as it is, after Levin one desirable thing left for Westerners to steal - beautiful and I had set it all up.

 Foreign Office career diplomats could not resist smirking at the discomfiture of Douglas Hurd's chief press officer in the Middle East, Brian Mower, who failed to prevent the leaking of Hurd's alleged remarks about the Palestinian homeland. In Foreign Office eyes, Mower's background at the Treasury and then with Hurd at the Home Office prevents him from ever being "one of us".

### Taking the bait

nly a month after Sydney Opera House gave her a glorious retirement sendoff. Joan Sutherland is contemplating a sentimental comcback. The Australian-born singer is understood to be considering



one more "final" appearance - in little more than a walk-on role at Covent Garden in Strauss's Die Fledermaus on New Year's Eve. The production will be conducted by her husband, Richard Bonynge, and families should



of course try to see the New Year in together. Rumour has it that Bonynge is thinking about his wife's encore already; "I could have danced all night" from My Fair Lady is the current favourite.

"It is a Viennese tradition to have a surprise guest in Prince Orlovsky's party scene on New Year's Eve," says a spokesman. We are talking to Dame Joan, but we are unlikely to be able to anoounce anything until the last minute. After all, a surprise is meant to be just that."

### Waspish

alking to Booker Prize winner A.S. Byatt can be a dangerous pastime. Before you know it, there you are in her next novel, as well-known journalists whose names litter the pages of Possession have discovered. Among them is Nicholas Wapshott, political editor of The Observer, who lent his name to Mrs Wapshott, one of the least sympathetic characters in the novel. "We had a huge argument about 15 years ago and theo didn't

speak to each other," says Byatt. We were reintroduced at a party earlier this year and discovered that our argument had all been based on a misunderstanding, that we actually agreed."

And how was Byatt celebrating her award yesterday? "A taxi is waiting outside to take me to bank the cheque." she told the Diary. Then I am off to University College to talk with my French theorist friends. I need soothing."

### Tell him: resign later

nly the swift intervention of the Tory chief whip, Tim Renton, prevented a sec-ond parliamentary private sec-retary resigning on the day that John Major's PPS, Tony Favell, quit the ranks. When government whips heard that David Sumberg, PPS for almost five years to the attorney general, Sir Patrick Mayhew, was also about to resign on Tuesday, he was swiftly summoned to Reoton's office and asked to think again. However, he is still expected to resign before the next election, to give himself more time to defend his marginal seat.

Faveli's colleagues, meanwhile, are highly amused by the untimely appearance of an interview with him this week in The House Magazine. "I must be the longest serving PPS here and we get on very well together," says Favell of the man whose employment he was about to quit. He claims he and Major are "very relaxed" together, and says he knows what would embarrass the Chancellor.
"If it is something which might embarrass him. I always ask first." Such as whether to resign at such a

### Doubling up

Brussels Eurocrat Frederick Sorensen, head of the EC's air transport section, has appealed to airlines to impose a reservation charge to discourage businessmen and other travellers from making multiple bookings which they fail to honour or cancel. The practice, Sorresen believes, is directly responsible for the over-selling, by which bookings are taken for up to 20 per cent more seats than are available. The business-class ticket system allows passengers to retain the full value of the ticket even if the passenger doesn't show," he says.
"It should be changed."

Anyone who has been bounced off a flight for which they have a valid ticket will doubtless agree. A shame, then, that Sorensen, who is now charged with drawing up EC proposals to outlaw the practice, does not appear to be leading by example. For a visit to London last month, Sorensen's office reserved him a seat on a Sabena flight from Brussels, but he flew instead with British Airways. without cancelling his other reservation. "There is nothing in the current airline booking system that prevents this," he says. "It is common practice." Hardly the point, surely,

• The thought of performing the musical Kismet, which kicks off with a number called "Beautiful Baghdad" proved too much for the Crewe Amateur Operatic Society at such a sensitive time. It has cancelled its forthcoming production. A pity, perhaps, given that the villain is a Saddam-like figure who ends up drowned in his own ornamental pool.

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# **LEARNING FROM HISTORY**

Margaret Thatcher is playing a dangerous game on education. After yesterday's muchpublicised meeting with her education sec-retary, John MacGregor, she should express confidence in him and leave him quietly to bed down her already vast reform programme. There is much scope for Tory radicalism elsewhere. Here is a case for consolidation.

The cause of the latest rumpus is Mrs Thatcher's teasing reference last week to vouchers, beloved of the party's right wing. Vouchers for primary and secondary education are seen as the logical last step in the delocalisation of state education, Schools would "go independent" (but under Whitehall supervision by hook or by crook), with a voucher for parents to take to whatever school they chose. This voucher could vary with income or geography and meet all or only part of the cost of schooling. Since it would have to include the 7 per cent of children in private schools, the system would inevitably cost more.

Ever since the 1960s, with the advent of "progressive" primary education and the steady demise of selective secondary schools, . British state education has found itself on the defensive. Apparently falling standards, coupled with rising prosperity, have driven many parents into the private sector. The present government has sought to meet this dissatisfaction by helping parents to opt out. It has established a tier of state-supported schooling partly or totally free of local council control, by means of assisted places at private schools, grant-maintained status for "opted-out" schools and "local management with open enrolment" even within the local council sector. Whatever political cosmetic surrounds these devices, the intention is to offer an escape from a uniform, comprehensive system for the middle class or clever child.

Common sense suggests that, up to a point, the injection of some such competition into part of any public service will probably improve the whole. The same ambition governs Mrs Thatcher's hopes for hospitals. The lack of such competition, coupled with the politicisation of staffing, underlay the demoralisation of much city education in the 1980s. Head teachers' freedom to spend within their budgets, greater flexibility for popular schools to bid for extra resources, the occasional opted-out rival to set an academic pace, have all brought fresh air into a

moribund local structure. Mr MacGregor claims that such reforms have many of the virtues of vouchers without the risk, complication and cost of a free-for-all.

But how much further should such competition go? Education is not just another marketplace service industry and ministers will commit electoral suicide if they suppose otherwise. Public education is a central civie function, its structure a mirror of the community round it. Mrs Thatcher's enthusiasm for vouchers is built, not just on her admirable love of choice, but on her aversion to local government. A new school system which enticed, say, over a third of parents in the more prosperous districts ont of council schools and into quasi-independent ones would create social and educational apartheid. While the remaining council "sink" schools could be given extra money - though for how long? - there would be discontinuity and waste as parents chased teachers and fashions from one school to another. As the education director for Hammersmith and Fulham says in a letter today, this is threatened even now.

The state-maintained schools would suffer a different but no less inhihiting fate, drawn into the embrace of Whitehall. This government has shown its love of educational centralism in its curricular dirigisme. Mrs Thatcher has rightly berated her education ministers for this, but she goaded them into it. The belief that a centrally financed national school system would somehow be more independent, say in staffing or building, than one financed locally is a fantasy: look what Whitehall has done with the prisons and hospitals.

Throughout most of the democratic world the best state schools are local schools, locally financed, locally supported, locally patronised. The government is right to permit an independent sector to keep the public sector on its toes, though why it should subsidise that sector is a mystery. But the crucial task of government is to promote, within the local authority sector, a sensible balance between efficient school management and the fair allocation of resources. It is no good pretending, as some Tories still do, that all parents can always have the state school of their choice, and making this a code for "all middle-class parents" is a dangerous deceit. In 1964, the Tories were tarred as the party of educational segregation and were thrown out of office,

### LET THEM SELL CAKE

The Soviet Union can no longer afford socialism, but capitalism clearly costs too much. That is the core of President Mikhail Gorbachev's economic plan, published on Tuesday and instantly denounced by his rival, Boris Yeltsin. The president is trying to please both the party and the republics, by introducing the free market without abolishing the apparatus of central planning. His decision will not end an intellectual and political argument which has lasted too long.

The Soviet Union has been bere before. Lenin tried to compromise between socialism and the market in his New Economic Policy. His premature death left the field open to Stalin's own cure for the country's ills, which appealed to those in the West who emphasised

"modernisation" above all else. Mr Gorbachev has calculated that, by leaving the machinery of control intact, he can neutralise what would otherwise constitute a formidable faction of disgruntled hereditary bureaucrats. Thus the prime minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov, and his cronies are now ludicrously charged with ensuring the success of a programme against which they have fought a long public war of attrition.

Mr Gorbachev's own position, at the apex of the Soviet nomenklatura, may not yet be strong enough to dispense with the political buttressing of the Moscow ministries. Though the Ukrainian premier was forced by popular protests to resign yesterday - shades of Poland and East Germany last year - Mr Gorbachev himself is not about to relinquish the field. But the Soviet president has not been persuaded of his own indispensability merely by the flattery of prime ministers or academies. He believes that if the Soviet state is to survive the coming winter, there must be one source of economic authority, able to overrule the republics. President Gorbachev hopes to appear as a de Gaulle, silencing the parliamentary cacophany. Aware that they might be walking into a trap,

to have decided to defer unilateral action and watch the Soviet juggernaut seize up in the arctic twilight of communism. The legal status of private property will not be enshrined above a state which has always had confiscatory tendencies. The reservoir of paper roubles will not be drained. Privatisation will apparently follow neither the western models for selling state assets, already adopted in Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia, nor the alternative strategy of free distribution.

Nor has the Soviet government any plans to nurture the new commercial class which even the most rudimentary market economy needs. on which the rule of law and democratic institutions depend. That class, though small and vulnerable, was palpably present in central Europe long before 1989. In the Soviet Union it is only just emerging.

Mr Gorbachev and the Soviet state will. it seems, be left to incur the wrath of the people. A record grain harvest last summer, despite colossal waste, means that nobody (in the cities, at least) is likely to starve this winter. On the other hand, the retreat from central Europe, the weakening of the militaryindustrial nexus, and above all the presence of Mr Yeltsin, could combine to precipitate a political collapse. Economic decrepitude cannot of itself bring down an established power structure - however extreme Ceausescu's impoverishment of Romania, there had to be a coup to bring him down - hut it has already provided Mr Gorbachev's democratic opponents with the propaganda weapons they need.

Mr Gorbachev has always triumphed by extemporisation, never hy the cogency or candour of his policies. His decision to eschew consistency in economics is quite in character. It is also a calamity for the Russian people. Unless their patience is unlimited, it looks as though Mr Gorbachev may for once have miscalculated. His plan does not deserve western financial support.

### THE HURD MENTALITY

Dogged though his visit to Israel has been by accidents and gaffes, Douglas Hurd cannot entirely hlame the black farce on the relentless operation of Murphy's law. The truly avoidable error was the trip itself.

Mr Yeltsin and the Russian democrats appear

Since Iraq invaded Kuwait, Mr Hurd has made the most of the somewhat mysterious esteem in which Britain continues to be held by Arab governments. His visits to the Gulf states and Egypt have helped to strengthen the anti-Iraq coalition. His decision last month to include Israel in these peregrinations was a reckless concession to the Foreign Office's claim to a "role" in the Palestine dispute.

With or without the killings in Jerusalem, which took place after the visit had been fixed. no worse time could have been chosen. Visits by a British foreign secretary are as rare as they have been dogged by misfortune: Lord Carrington was there when Argentina invaded the Falklands in 1982. Even if Britain had influence in Israel, the visit could only give prominence to the Arab-Israeli conflict just when any linkage with the Kuwait invasion was least desirable. Since Britain has almost no influence, what compensating benefit could

Mr Hurd have hoped to derive? The damage began even before he departed. with a speech that blurred the clarity of Britain's policy on the Gulf by criticising Israel's "misguided" policies in the occupied territories, urging it to seize the chance for a settlement which, he believed, would be created by Iraq's defeat and pouring sympathy on the Palestinians. Mr Hurd is too experienced to have expected his denial that this constituted "linkage" to be taken seriously. The first warning followed: the Israeli government advised the cancellation, on "security" grounds, of his plans to open a British Council centre in the Gaza Strip. Nothing daunted, Mr Hurd set off, buoyed by the prospect of a lunch with Palestinian leaders and promising to talk tough to the Israelis who, he said confidently, "don't like people who are mealy-mouthed". Once there, his diplomatic training naturally reasserted itself. He set out to please everybody, with predictable results.

Neither side has ever been further from the "mean compromise" in which diplomacy's truth ever lies. The Israeli government coldshouldered his suggestion that Israel reject the UN Security Council resolution and cooperate with the investigators dispatched under that resolution. Could Mr Hurd have expected otherwise? Next it was the Palestinians' turn to be outraged. The foreign secretary may well have been misquoted as saying that Britain was "opposed" to a Palestinian state, when all he did was repeat the familiar British position that Palestinians should be able to decide their own future. But then anything short of unequivocal support for such a state

was unlikely to dispel Palestinian suspicions. For a British foreign secretary to be hizarrely denounced as both pro-Palestinian and pro-Israeli inside 24 hours shows the danger of such exercises in futile interventionism. That Britain was once involved in the politics of the Levant confers on the Foreign Office, or the British government, no continuing responsibility for resolving its conflicts. Mr Hurd is not the first minister to succumh to an overdose of history. May he be the last.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Opting out for primary schools From the Director of Education, management of schools and

London Borough of Hammersmuh and Fulham

Sir. The Government's stated policy is that local education authorities should be reducing the number of places in primary schools in line with the falling school population.

Hammersmith and Fulham has existed as an education authority for only six months. We inherited a situation of vast over-provision of primary school places compared with the number of children of primary school age in the borough.

With the support and, indeed, at the benest of the Department of Education, we undertook an early review of primary provision with the stated aim of closing and amalgamating schools. We undertook a thorough consultative exercise, endeavouring to obtain consensus around agreed educa-tional criteria which should be used to make decisions on closure. These criteria relate to the National Curriculum and local

commanded widespread support. However, it is too much to expect individual schools to happily acquiesce in their own closure.

management of schools and have

By seeking to extend the possibility of opting out to primary schools (report, October 11) Mr MacGregor has driven a coach and horses through our, or any other LEA's ability to exercise its legal responsibility for planning primary provision properly. This would make it impossible for local authoriues not just to implement their own policies, but to implement one of the major policies of the Government to relation to

reducing surplus places. I bope we do not get the blame when we are unable to carry out those responsibilities effectively. Yours faithfully, CHRISTINE WHATFORD, Director of Education, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, Ground Floor, Banda House. Cambridge Grove, W6.

view of the assisted places scheme.

surely a very good way, in due

course, of raising standards. Better

still, of course, is grant-main-tained status, a path I recommend

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial

wholeheartedly.

Yours faithfully.

Headmaster.

October 16.

effective.

A. S. J. PELLEGRINI,

School, 89 Addison Road, W14,

From Mr Robert Chambers

Local financial management is

### Education vouchers From Mr David Martin, MP for

Portsmouth South (Conservative) Sir. Ronald Bun's strictures (October 15) on the lack of a coherent Conservative theme for future domestic policy included scorning education vouchers, while urging the Government "to address the fundamental question of bow to create a fully independently managed and centrally state-funded school system freed from local authority and teachers'

politics". That is precisely what supporters of education vouchers see as the central objective. Instead of begging the question, can we have Mr Butt's better alternative to achieve it?

Yours faithfully, DAVID MARTIN. House of Commoos. October 15.

From the Heodmaster of the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial

Sir, I am at a loss to understand why education vouchers are back on the Government's education agenda. It cannot be to support independent schools. After all, the iodependent sector is said to be booming, scarcely surprisingly io

Relief agencies

From Sir Noel Mounihan

Sir. Nicbolas Hinton is the Direc-

tor-General of the Save the Child-

ren Fund, an organisation which

continually and rightly stresses the

continuity of its work in many

countries here and overseas as

against the one-off emergency

work occasionally undertaken

Disaster Emergency Committee.

It was therefore surprising to find

him applying such contrary reasoning to the "40 associated agencies" of the United Nations

Wanted: a UN book-keeping

Those of us who have seen, over

the past 30 years or more, the oever-coding work of UNDP, Unesco, UNHCR, WHO and

many other UN agencies in such

countries as Afghanistan, Benin, Burkino Faso, Iran, Turkey and countless others can never doubt the great humanitarian advantages brought to them wherever

legislation from central Govern-

the assistance is given. Mr Hinton is right to draw new attention to the bureaucratic processes in the UN apparatus but his suggested solution to the climbing of the cumbersome Olympus he describes is totally impracticable. however necessary. If governments cannot control the UN and the UN is incapable of policing itself, il will not suffer an international oon-governmental unit to do so.

Yours etc. NOEL MOYNIHAN, Herstmonceux Place. Near Hailsham, East Sussex. October 12.

Longtown near its castle!

Peterchurch Rectory,

Hereford.

October 11.

Yours siocerely, JOHN C. de la T. DAVIES,

From Mr Richard Masters

appropriate to our occds.

Sir, British Telecom's decision to

charge for calls to directory en-quiries would be less objec-

doozhle to people in towos like

this, situated on the edge of one of

its arbitrary areas, if the direc-

tories provided free were more

Our "local" directories (or-dinary and Yellow Pages) cootain

the names of subscribers 30 miles

to the oorth oo the other side of

Bristol but oot some of those on

our own exchange who live in

deed our rural dean lives at

### Directory enquiries From Prebendary John C. de la T. Davies

force", October 9).

Sir. There are two classes of directory enquiries for which it would be unfair of British Telecom to make any charge (report, October 11). There should be oo charge for answering an enquiry for a new number not ver in the directory. How else can we discover them?

There should be on charge for answering an enquiry for a number on an exchange within one's local area, if the exchange and its numbers are oot included io ooe's own directory.

For instance, there are 14 exchanges excluded from our directory but in our local area, among them such useful places as Abergavenny and Moomouth. and, believe it or oot, Longtown Castle, which is part of our south Herefordshire district and our rural deanery of Abbeydore; io-

villages two miles to the south. Yours faithfully, RICHARD MASTERS. 14 Wick Hollow, Glastonhury, Somerset. to the limit, but still the developers press oo in the name of

### Planning gain From Mrs A. J. Carlyon

Sir, I see planning gain (letters, September 10, 20, 28) as a temptation to the hard-pressed elected members of a district planning committee to agree to a planning application because they know that the oeed is there and that there is no other way of funding the project without the developers' financial assistance.

We in Cornwall are suffering from exactly the same disease as Oxford (September 28), namely over-development Our infrastructure is fragile and is stretched

progress. Planning applications are beard and refused, appeals protracted but eventually dis-missed by the Department of the Eovironment, but within months the same application is before the planoing committee for consideracion yet again. Is this really democracy? Yours faithfully, ARMOREL J. CARLYON

(Chairman, Carrick branch, Council for the Protection of Rural Englandi, 3 Strangways Villas, Truro, Cornwall.

### On the wrong lines

From Mr Scott McIntosh Sir, Matthew Parris's column on trams (October 6) was amusing, but he was wide of the mark in his understanding of modern tramway (or light railway) systems.

The Blackpool system is of course now rather outdated, but nevertheless it is still a fine example of bow electric traction cao move large crowds faster and with less damage to the environment than can any motor system. Modern trams can carry over 20,000 passengers ao hour in each direction on twin tracks, to carry the same oumber in private cars would require ten lanes in each direction.

Among the "nine things" Mr Parris clearly did not know about light railways, also include the facts that "one short circuit" does not halt tram or train systems: that modern trams can run up to 50 mph, with better acceleration than road vehicles because of the smooth ride of railed vebicles: that ooise measurements in France and the Netherlands show the noise emitted by a bus to be twice as great as that from a modern tram; and that accidents per passenger mile on European tram-

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### Price of books at authors' cost?

From Mr Martin Short Sir. As an author whose last book rose to third in the non-fiction best-seller lists, I welcome Dillons's defiance (report. October 15) of the net book agreement. What infuriates me is the power of another chain of bookshops to

book for the full £4.99

Terry Maher, of Dillons, is slashing prices at no cost to authors, even though his discount is far less than that commanded by bis biggest competitor, which still

research and write my latest book, I am depressed by the fact that, whatever its sales, my profit will be almost nothing. It seems the only way even a best-sciling writer may survive in future is to buy copies of his or her own book at author's discount and sell them by mail order from home. Yours indebtedly, MARTIN SHORT

10 Stucley Place, NW1. October 16.

From Mr Ian Clark Sir. Stuart Maclure ("Giving vouchers a sure start in life", October 16) argues cogently for the "sure fire winner" of nursery school vouchers and rightly points out on the way that a full educational voucher scheme is now feasible and possibly cost What he does not point out is that it would require no extra

experience has demonstrated that. outside the "top 30", average book prices have actually risen since the early 1980s, when discounting began there.

ment if a go-ahead local authority was to choose to make educational arrangements, either nursery or all Resolution 242 education, on this basis. Yours faithfully, ROBERT CHAMBERS From the President of the Board of

Deputies of British Jews (Assistant Director), The Freedom Association, 35 Westminster Bridge Road. SE1. October 16.

Sir, Professor Harold Lydall (October 13) refers to the United

Nations Security Council resolutioo of November 22, 1967. The key words in that resolution are "emphasising the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war. . .

Mr George Brown. Foreign Secretary at the time, writing to the then President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, interpreted Resolution 242 and stated that it did oot impose any requirement upon Israel to withdraw from any lemtory in advance of a permanent serilement for peace.

I drew this correspondence to the attention of Mr William Waldegrave. MP. Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in March, 1989. 1 subsequently received a letter from his office, confirming that her Majesty's Government fully accepts and stands by that interpretation of Resolution 242. Yours etc..

LIONEL KOPELOWITZ, Presideo1,

The Board of Deputies of Woburn House. Tavistock Square, WC1. October 15.

From Mr Steven H. Fruhman Sir, Resolution 242 calls for Israel to withdraw from territories (not

### Nor is it necessarily true that

tion?

lower book prices lead to in-

creased book sales. Most studies

have shown that the book market

is relatively inclastic. General

economic conditions and con-

sumer confidence have a much

greater bearing on book sales than

unit prices. How else do you

explain the volume increase in

books sold in the UK during the

1980s, when book prices also rose

much faster than general infla-

books have been much more

expensive than their English

equivalents, one reason why our

publishers have enjoyed a buoyant

export trade. The temporary

weakness of the dollar may have

changed the situation for a few

titles, but most American backlist

titles are still more expensive over

American discounting over here.

are you willing to accept the

wholesale (rather than retail) price

maintenance that is statutorily

enforced over there? Our publish-

ers could then only grant quantity

discounts to booksellers that could be economically justified in a

court of law as resulting from

proven cost savings. The large

overriding discounts demanded

hy our major chains would be

swept away. Our smaller book-

sellers would enjoy competing on

such terms - all they ask for is fair competition on a level playing

The opponents of the current

agreement have twice recently

failed to convince the Office of

Fair Trading that there is suf-

ficient evidence to take to the

restrictive practices court, where

the NBA must be judged. The

supporters of the agreement - a significant majority of both

publishers and booksellers - do

have some powerful arguments on

their side.

Yours sincerely.

IAN CLARK.

The Crest

October 16.

Surbiton, Surrey

If you are really so keen to see

During the 1980s American

secure a vast profit at my expense.

Studying my latest six-monthly returns I was shocked to see that, on 18,227 paperback sales (half the totall, my 71/2 per cent royalty had been calculated not on the cover price of £4.99 but on £2.41. This reduced my royalties from £6.821 to £3,294, or 18p a copy. Wheo I asked why, I was told that one chain now has so much market clout that it had squeezed a discount of over 50 per cent out of my publisher. This gave my publisher the contractual right to pay me only on the discounted price, yet the chain was selling my

expects the public to pay top whack.
Having taken 18 months to

Sir. I fear that you have allowed slick publicity to sway your objectivity (leading article. October 15). If the net book agreement were to be abolished it is true that some book prices would fall, but only the best sellers. American

> "the territorics" as stated by Professor Lydall) occupied in 1967. The omission of the definite article, which was not accidental. was intended to make clear that a complete Israeli withdrawal was nol contemplated.

It also calls - this is scarcely ever mentioned - for termination of all claims or states of

belligerency, respect for and ack-nowledgement of the sovereignty terntorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognised boundaries free from threats of acts of

Contrary to Professor Lydall's iew, non-implementation owes everything to the fact that, with the exception of Egypt. Po Arah State has either recognised Israel. terminated its claims or state of belligerency, or recognised Israel's political independence or territorial integrity, within secure boundaries or otherwise.

Professor Lydall is not, however, alone in his error - Mr Hurd told Jeremy Paxman on News-night last Thursday that 242 required Israel to withdraw from "the occupied territories". If academics and politicians get the facts right they will be better placed to reach sustainable conclusions.

Yours faithfully. STEVEN H. FRUHMAN The Glen, 34 New Hall Road, Salford Manchester 7. October 15.

### Hospital security

From Mr Colin Goodhind Sir, I was instrumental last year in establishing a security management system to control movement throughout a Portsmouth hospital, mainly during the hours of darkness. Just under 4,000 staff wear identity badges, many dou-

into predetermined areas. The system has resulted in a geoeral atmosphere of security awareoess from which staff and patients benefit.

bliog as access cards for auth-

orised personnel, allowing them

Io my opinion this would have gone a long way towards preventing the receot assault on a young girl io a Carshalton hospital (reports October 15, 16) and should be considered before elaborate closed-circuit TV systems, manned guarding and all the other methods susceptible to human Yours siocerely

COLIN GOODHIND. Longford House, I Longford Road. Melksham, Wiltshire. October 16.

way systems are significantly lower than on the corresponding bus systems.

Modern materials allow overhead wiring to be light and inconspicuous: one of my colleagues was once wrongly accused of having it "touched out" of photographs he was displaying at a public meeting. And finally, trams do not pollute the towns they run io - power stations may pollule but technology exists to remove almost all the pollutants. Yours faithfully,

SCOTT McINTOSH (Light Rail Development Plannerl. Londoo Transport, 55 Broadway, SW1. October 12.

### Harking back

From Mr Russell Chamberlin Sir, To describe Melina Mercouri as "the Greek actress turned socialist politiciao" (report, Octo-ber 16) is a bit like describing Margaret Thatcher as "the English chemist turned prime mioister".

Melina Mercouri's heyday as actress was some little while ago. Her socialist loyalty is a continuance. And while, in Britaio, many may have bristled over her espousal of the Elgin Marbles, would that we, too, Sir, had somebody, as in your report (earlier editions). with the determination "to restore pride io the capital's cultural heritage".

RUSSELL CHAMBERLIN. 3 Harvey Gardens, Addison Road, Guildford, Surrey. October 16.

### Turning a phrase From Dr Angelo Poterson

Sir. It can be amusing to compare metaphorical equivalents in different cultures, as does your correspondent Mary Booth (October 13), but occasionally one language does seem to have the edge on another in capturing our experience. Thus after a downpour I am often tempted to borrow from the French and describe myself with more satisfying emphasis as soaked, not to the skin, but to the bones. Yours faithfully,

ANGELA PATERSON. 215 Boroughbridge Road, York.

From Mrs R. Smallwood Sir, lo Italy we "know our chickens" while in Eogland. I am told, you "know your onioos". Yours faithfully, ROSANNA SMALLWOOD Studio Cottage, Tarkton, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

October 13.





### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 17: His Excellency Mr Shaharyar M. Khan and Begum Khan were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for

Pakistan in London. Air Vice-Marshal A. F. C. Hunter was received by Her Majesty upon bis appointment as Commander British Forces and Administrator Sovereign

Base Area Cyprus.
Brigadier I. G. C. Gilmore. Representative Colonel Cont-mandant. Royal Australian Engineers, was received by The

Mrs Gilmore was also received by Her Majesty.
His Excellency Mr Tasos
Panayides and Mrs Panayides were received in tarewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Cyprus in London and upon reuring as Doven of the

Diplomatic Corps.
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace this evening for delegates to the Fourteenth Commonwealth Auditors' General Conference. The Duke of Edinburgh this

morning received the Prime Minister of Thailand at Buckingham Palace. His Royal Highness, Patron and Twelth Man of the Lord's Taverners, presented the 1990 County Championship Trophy to Middlesex County Cricket

Club at Buckingham Palace.
The Duke of Edinburgh.
Patron and Trustee, attended receptions at St James's Palace for Young People who have reached the Gold Standard in

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, at St James's Palace. His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, gave a lunch and afterwards chaired a meeting for the Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at

Buckingham Palace, The Duke of Edinburgh attended a dinner, hosted by the Navy Board, to mark Trafalgar Night, at Admiralty House. Whitehall,

Lieutenant Commander Mal-colm Sillars. RN was in

attendance.
The Duchess of York this evening attended the Great Britain Nordie Biathlon Dinner at the Gloucester Hotel, Harrington Gardens, London. Miss Lucy Manners and Captain Alexander Baillic-Hamilton were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 17: The Princess of Patron, Turning Point, attended a seminar on mental health at St Augustine's Hospital, Chartham, Canter-

Subsequently, Her Royal Highness visited Quest Inter-

nauonal, Ashford. Finally The Princess of Wales opened Tenterden Lei-sure Centre, Tenterden High Street, Ashford. Her Royal Highness was received by Brigadier Maurice

Atherton (Deputy Lord Lieuten-Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith

Navy Board The Duke of Edinburgh pro-posed the toast to the "immortal memory" of Lord Nelson at a Trafalgar night dinner given by the Navy Board last night al Admiralty House. Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, presided. Among the guests were: SIOUL, Among the guests were:
The American Ambasador, the Right
Rev Ronald Gordon, Mr Tom King,
MP, General Sir Richard Vincent, Sir
Peter Imbert, Admiral Sir Brun
Brown, Vice-Admiral Sir Jock Stater,
Vice-Admiral Sir Kenneth Egion,
Judge Waley, Mr Richard Morris, Mr
David Greenwood, Mr Oavid
Dimbleby, Mr Moray Slewarl and
Rear-Admiral Hugo White.

**Publicity Clab of London** The Duchess of York was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Publicity Club of London last night at the Gloucester Hotel in aid of the British Nordic and biathlon Olympie ski teams. Mr tan Blythe, vice-president of the club, and Mr Ian Pay, chairman, presided and Mr Conal Gregory. MP. also spoke. General Sir Antony Walker. Brigadier Johnny Walker. Colonel Peter Worthy and Major John Leaning were among the principal guests.

lans of Court and City The Lord Mayor was a guest of bonour at a dinner given by officers of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry last night at Stone Buildings. Major J. D'A. Cartwright presided and received the Lord Mayor with Colonel G.S.P. Cardyn. Lord Justice Parker. Sir Patrick Neill. QC, and Mr F.P. Crowder, QC.

HM Government The Hon Timothy Sainsbury, Minister for Trade, presided at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at the Royal Society of Arts in honour of Mr K.F. Katushev. Soviet Minister for Foreign Economic

vere among others present.

Relations. School of Pharmacy Sir David Phillips, Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Research Councils, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner given by the School of Pharmacy. London University, last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Sir Graham Wilkins chairman of the school council, presided and Professor A.T. Florence, dean, also spoke, Among those present were: Sir Frank Hariley. Sir Eric Scowen, Professor Sir Frederick Warner. Mr H H Blandford, Dr J R Stewarl and Mrs Unda Stone.

Marketing Group of

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Mr David Wynne-Morgan pre-sided over the dinner held last night at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel, by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was Mr Geoffrey Mulcahy, Chairman and Chief Executive, Kingfisher plc.

The Princess of Wales attended a gala performance of *Anansi* by the Chicken Shed Theatre Company at Sadler's Wells Theatre. St John Street. ECI, in aid of the Chicken Shed

Building Fund.

Mrs Max Pike and Squadron Leader David Barron, RAF.

were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE October 17: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, anended a Banquet this

evening given by the Royal National Institute for the Deaf and Alcatel Business Systems Limited at Fishmongers' Hall. Her Royal Highness presented the RNID Communicator of the Year Awards. Lady Aird and Major The

Lord Napier and Ettrick were in KENSINGTON PALACE

October 17: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, this afternoon visited Patron, this afternoon visited Queen Margaret College. Clerwood Terrace, Edinburgh, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Her Royal Highness's Patronage.

In the evening Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was present at a performance of Strank Exclines, pictures have been been as the control of the strank of the st

Sisterly Feelings given by students at Queen Margaret College. Her Royal Highness was

received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Right Hon the Lord Provosi).

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott

was in attendance.
The Duke of Gloucester today was present at a luncheon given by the Prime Minister in honour of His Excellency the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Thailand (General Chatichai Choonhavan) and Thanpuying Boonruen Choonhavan at 10 Downing Street, London, SW1, Major Nicholas Barne was in

attendance. The Duchess of Gloucester today visited Hampshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Btl. Her Royal Highness opened the refurbished Andover and District Citizens' Advice

Later, The Duchess Gloucester, as Patron of the Papworth and Enham Foundalion for Handicapped People, opened the Enham Resource

Centre, Andover.
Mrs Michael Wigley was in YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 17: The Duke of Kent, President of the Football Association, this evening attended the England v Poland Football International match at Wembley Stadium.

Commander Roger Walker. RN was in attendance. The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the European Association of Palliative Care, this afternoon attended the first International Congress in the Hotel Meridien, Montparnasse. Paris and then returned to Heathrow Airport.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in

# **Dinners**

Company of Chartered Accountants Mr Alderman Brian Jenkins Master of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, assisted by Mr R.G. Wilkes, Senior Warden, and Mr F.E. Worsley, Junior Warden, presided at an installa-tion dinner held last night at Chartered Accountants' Hall. The Lord Chief Justice, the Senior Warden and Mr David Emms also spoke. Among

Lord Benson, Sir Douglas Morpeth, Sir John Grenside, Sir David Rowellam, Admiral of the Freet Sir William Staveley. Sir Birlam Shaw. Sir Ned Shields, Sir Alan Balley, the Master and Clerk of the Master Mariners' Company, the Masters of the Gardeners' and Farriers' Companies, the Deputi Master of the Barbers' Company and the Common Seriesmi.

Marketors' Company Mr G.C. Draper. Master of the Marketors' Company, assisted by Mr R. Wilson, Mr G. Darby and Mr N. Boakes, Wardens, presided at a dinner held last night at Ironmongers' Hall. Mr Strong was the guest speaker. The Masters of the Pewterers'. Plaisterers', Clockmakers' and Carmen's Companies and the Chairman of the British Tourist Authority were among the

principal guests. College of Anaesthetists A council dinner was held last night. The President and Mrs Rosen received the guests who included Sir Stanley Peart. Mrs S. V. Masters, Mr D. Seel, Dr C. Scurr, Dr J. Nunn, Dr P. Raskett, Mr D. L. Evans and Mr J. A. P. Marston.

Foundation for Science and Technology Mr Oscar Roith, CB, FEng. was in the chair at a lecture and dinner discussion on the subject of "The Challenge of Achieve-ment" held at the Royal Society on Tuesday. October 16, 1990. The evening was sponsored by The Comino Foundation.

HMS Scylla Vice-Admiral Sir John Kerr, KCB, was the guest of honour at HMS Scylla's Trafalgar Night dinner last night at Portsmouth. Lieutenant-Commander C.A. Johnstone-Burt, RN, presided. and among those present were the Commanding Officer, Com-mander M.S. Williams, RN, Lieutenant-Colonel G.T.R. Birdwood, Commanding Officer of the Mounted Regiment of the Household Cavalry, Cap-tain R.J. Onslow and Captain

G.V. dc la F. Wovka. Memorial service

Mr Paul Paulson The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and nonwealth Affairs and Head of the Diplomatic Service was represented by Sir Philip Adams at a memorial service for Mr Paul Paulson held vesterday at Chelsea Old Church.

### **OBITUARIES**

### **DELPHINE SEYRIG**

Delphine Seyrig, French stage and film actress, died on October 15 after a long illness aged 58. She was born on April 10, 1932.

DELPHINE Seyrig became internationally known in 1961 with her first professional film, Alain Resnais's L'Année dernière à Marienbad, and she went on to play cool, poised and eniomatic characters for other important directors, such as François Truffaut. Luis Builuel and Joseph Losey. With her musical voice, elegant presence, sensuality and ability to convey emotion with the minimum of gesture, she had the ideal qualities for a screen actress. But she was a reluctant star, whose career proceeded in fits and starts as she went from lead roles to cameo parts and more experimental work, notably with women directors such as Marguerite Duras and Chantal Akerman.

She remained principally a stage actress, who performed in the United States as well as in France, and was wellknown for her roles in Chekhov, Turgenev, Pirandello and Giraudoux. A fluent English speaker, she was also a leading interpreter of the plays of Harold Pinter. Last month she was to have appeared with the Renaud-Barrault company to mark the opening of its new theatre in Paris, followed by a tour, hut she was forced to withdraw through illness after a few days' rehearsal. The play was Laetitia, a French disguise for Peter Shaffer's Lettice and Lovage, but the

project has been abandoned

for the time being.

She was born in Beirut. Her family came from Alsace and her father, Henri Seyrig, was an archaeologist. She spent a wandering childhood in Greece, Paris and, during the second world war, New York, where her father was a cultural attaché. Back in France, she trained at drama school in Paris and spent several years



with the Actors' Studio strongly influenced her apties in Resnais's next film, proach to acting which she Muriel, and her perceptive later explained as being based on creating an entire past history for her characters. "One doesn't invent a character at 35 or 70", she told an interviewer, "one makes her

arrive there." Resnais cast her for Marienhad after seeing her in An Enemy of the People and she proved to be a stunning choice for a film which was delibon the French stage before returning to New York in 1956 to study at the Actors' to build a performance. But Studio. As well as theatre through quietly controlled geswork, including Arthur tures, and an emotional power Miller's adaptation of Ibsen's that was hinted at rather than An Enemy of the People, she stressed, she was able to promade her screen debut in vide a human dimension to effective wordless scene in a Jack Youn-Germain, an Robert Frank's underground the film's complex time-shifts film, Pull My Daisy. Her time and elusive narrative. She Kristine Linde in Losey's solved She had a son.

went on to enlarge these qualities in Resnais's next film, study of a woman moving painfully between the present and the past won her best actress award at the Venice Festival. In 1968 she worked with another leading French director, Truffaut, in Baisers volês where she prepared for her breathless seduction of the young hero by running up two

flights of stairs immediately before the scene was shot. Meanwhile she had appeared in her first British film, Accident, which was written by Pinter and directed by Losey. Her role as Dirk Bogarde's old flame was small but telling and included an immensely

Ibsen film, A Doll's House. For Buffuel she played the prostitute in La Voie lactée and the sophisticated lady of The Discreet Charm of the

Bourgeoisie, a funny and savage fable about a perpetually thwarted dinner party. It was one of several roles in which she appeared as a blonde, although her natural hair colour was auburn. Among lesser films, she enjoyed herself as a vampire in Daughters of Darkness, a secret agent in the spy spoof Mister Freedom and the fairy godmother of Jacques Demy's Magic Donkey. She had the ability to lift any picture, however routine. The same applied to the theatre. Her last stage appearance in Paris was in a mediocre adaptation of Alan Ayck-bourn's Woman in Mind in which she was by far the best element. She probably knew at the time that she was terminally ill and in that light her appearance becomes doubly moving. During the 1970s she entered the commercial main-stream as the assassin's lover in The Day of the Jackal, and in Don Siegel's thriller, The Black Windmill. More challenging work came in Duras's India Song and Akerman's extraordinary 3%hour tour de force, Jeanne Dielman, 23 Quai du Com-merce, 1080 Bruxelles. In the latter, Seyrig played a widow who supports her small son from the earnings of prostitution. But we merely catch glimpses of this. For the most part she is seen moving with almost fanatical exactitude through the day's domestic tasks, minutely observed by the camera. In 1976 she came to Britain

to give a much-praised performance in the title part in Fassbinder's The Bitter Tears of Petra von Kant at the New End Theatre in Hampstead. Her television work included Henry James's The Ambassadors for the BBC.

During the 1970s and 1980s she became closely associated with the feminist movement, and was prominent in the setting up of the Simone de Beauvoir Centre, which produces audiovisual documentaries on women's issues Her marriage in 1950 to

restaurant. She later played American art dealer, was dis-

### JORGE BOLET

pianist, died aged 75 of heart scholarship to the Curtis at the failure on October 16 ot his age of 12. There he studied home near San Francisco. He was born in Havana, Cuba, on November 15, 1914.

his life as one of the leading exponents of the ultra-Romantie repertory. Nobody surpassed his virtuoso perfor-mance and understanding of Liszr's piano music or his skill in bringing ont the inner tensions and outer exuberance of Rachmaninov's scores. Bolet army, serving in the Cuban was also an accomplished and sympathetie teacher. He was latterly head of piano studies at the Curtis Institute in Phil- East and he was in charge, as adelphia and with some of his conductor, of the first Japapupils he made a series of nese performance of The Mifascinating masterclasses for

screened by the BBC. Bolet began his piano lessons when he was five, and front. But he was never to was a pupil in his home town have any further serious de- Rachmaninov. During the

Jorge Bolet, American virtuoso of Havana until he won a signs on a conducting career. 1980s he had made two dozen piano with, among others, the celebrated Polish pianist and Liszt exponent, Josef Hofmann, and conducted with nowned in the last 20 years of recital debut in Europe at rntz keiner. He made his appeared publicly in the United States in 1937 at Philadelphia. From 1939 to 1941 he worked with Rudolf Serkin at the Curtis.

At the beginning of the war he enlisted with the Cuban embassy before joining the US Army. Military service took him after the war to the Far kado in 1946. Bolet's brother, television, several of them Alberto, was a conductor and Jorge once said that he wanted to see how it felt being up

After the war he was respected as a musician in the United States and gave some when in 1960 he recorded the sound track of Song Without End, an extravagant biopic of

Franz Liszt with Dirk Bogarde manuscript score of Wagner's Rienzi appearing to be contained on a slim roll of paper. But it was only from 1970 that he gained renown internationbold, imaginative, technically faultless interpreter of the Romantie repertory, particuof the Liszt Sonata and the piano transcriptions were soon recognised as the real thing, and he was hardly less adept in Tchaikovsky and

records of this repertory for Decca, with Liszt well to the fore. He won the Grand Prix du Disque three times as well premieres of works by contemporary composers. He acquired a little temporary fame Instrumental Recording of the

Bolet was far from being just a virtuoso. He was a musician of fastidious taste playing the composer and the and high intelligence, and he was just as happy subordinating his personality in chamber music as in being a formidable soloist. His academic credentials were impeccable. He ally. Word came out of Amer- taught at Indiana University. ica that he was carrying on the and then in 1977 became head tradition of his teachers as a of the piano department at bold, imaginative, technically Curtis, 50 years to the day after he had auditioned there as a young boy. He was only larly Liszt. His performances the third person to hold the post, his predecessors being Hofmann and Serkin.

Jorge Bolet's generous playing was backed by his large, imposing figure and gregarious personality.

### ART BLAKEY

drummer, died in New York on October 1 , at the age of 71. He was born in Pittsburgh on October 11, 1919.

THE sight of Art Blakey in full flow behind his group the Jazz Messengers, was an enduring symbol of modern jazz. The creators of the "hard bop" school, Blakey was the mentor. to dozens of outstanding musicians. His teenage ambitions were centred on finding a way to escape from the industrial wasteland of Pittsburgh, where he worked in a steel mill by day and performed in clubs at night. A self-taught pianist, he eventually switched to drams and in the early 1940s began touring with the bandleaders Mary Lou Williams and Fletcher Henderson. During one visit to the South, he was badly beaten by police in

Georgia, and a metal plate had to be inserted in his head. His most important assignment came in a three-year stint with the big band of the singer Billy Eckstine, another refugee from Pittsburgh. The experience of learning his craft under such a strong leader left an indelible impression on Blakey. He was to re-create a similar master-apprentice atmosphere in the Jazz Messengers. His first, short-lived version of the Messengers was a 17-piece big band formed after commercial pressures forced the disbanding of the Eckstine orchestra in 1947. Blakey then began freelancing. His most memorable work in this period came as a sideman with Thelonious Monk. With his cross-beats and dramatic

vative Blue Note recordings.

During the late 1940s
Blakey's personal life was increasingly unsettled. Like so many other bop musicians he became a heroin addict. Increasingly interested in his African heritage, he converted to Islam, adopting the name. Abdullah Ibn Buhaina. He also travelled to Africa, gaining experience with traditional

in the early 1950s he began pianist Horace Silver, with whom he developed the driving gospel-influenced style which became known as hard bop. The album Live At Birdland, recorded in 1954, sketched in the outlines of what was to become the Messenger sound. The group

Art Blakey (Abdullah Ibn wards as a co-operative, with Buhaina), the American jazz Silver and the trumpeter drummer, died in New York Kenny Dorham among its dominant voices. By 1956 Silver and the others had left to work on their own projects. Blakey was left in control. Thus was born the band which was to become his life for the

next 35 years. Any attempt to single out a most distinctive drummer of single edition of the Mesthe post-war era and one of the sengers as the best of all is certain to cause arguments. But one of the finest was certainly the late-Fifties group which boasted the trumpeter Lee Morgan, saxophonist-arranger Benny Golson and pianist Bobby Timmons. Timmons's catchy gospel theme, "Moanin'", became a staple of the repertoire, along-side Golson's "Blues March" and "Along Came Betty". The pieces were all included on the 1958 release, Art Blakey With

The Jazz Messengers.

The musicians also joined the trend for recording soundtracks for French feature films. For Des Femmes disparaissent, directed by Edouard Molinaro, they played condensed versions of pieces from the band's book. Golson's "Whisper Not", for example, hecame "Ne Chuchote Pas". Nevertheless Blakey always preferred the bandstand to the studio. He was at his most relaxed in front of an audience. Later editions of the band were sometimes more distinctive in the flesh than on vinyl. Blakey, however, continued to seek out new talent. His later sidemen included Wayne Shorter (later lured away by Miles Davis), Woody Shaw and Chuck Mangione. Hard bop as a formula was exhausted by the mid-1960s, but drum rolls, Blakey played a Blakey generally avoided major part in Monk's inno-staleness. As he explained, he had little interest in moving towards the avant-garde and atonalism: "The black musician has nothing to do with that. His thing is to swing. Well, the only way the Caucasian musician can swing is from a rope. Swinging is our field and we should stay in it."

As jazz entered a new era of popularity in the 1980s, the Messengers were back in fashion. The concerts remained much the same, with Blakey his association with the urging on soloists with roars of encouragement and his trademark, the press roll. In his most recent visits to Ronnie Scott's, he showed his concern for young talent by inviting a number of young British players to sit in alongside his regular line-up. His energy and enthusiasm are



# Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.A. Austin

and Miss R.J. Rule The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Austin. of Boldre, Lymington, Hampshire, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rule, of Hordle. Lymington, Hampshire.

Commander G. Bateman, RN and Miss E.J. Kitson
The engagement is announced
between Graham, elder son of
the late Mr C.W. Bateman and of Mrs Olga Bateman, of Birmingham, and Elrzabeth Jane, younger daughter of the late Mr LF. Kitson and of Mrs J.S. Swallow, of Narborough, Leicestershire.

Mr D.J. Bett and Miss N.J. Lazell The engagement is announced between Duncan James, youngest son of the late Mr Harold Belt and of Mrs Barbara Ridgway, of Sidmouth, Devon, and Natasha Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Lazell. of Holland Park, London.

Mr C. Callaghan and Miss S.J.Y. Dobson The engagement is announced between Carl, voungest son of the late Mr R.H. Callaghan and of Mrs M. Callaghan, of Dudleston, Shropshire, Susanna, youngest daughter of the late Major E.Y. Dobson and of Mrs R. Clarke, of Foxearth, Suffolk.

Mr G. Catchpole and Mrs A. Davis The engagement is announced between Giles Catchpole, of Fulham, SW6, and Angela Davis (née Fortune), of Balham. Mr P.W. Dent

and Lady Katherine Townshend The engagement is ennounced between Piers, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Robin Dent, of Olivers, Painswick, Gloucestershire, and Lady Katherine. voungest daughter of the Marquess Townshend, of Sally, younger daughter of Mr Raynham Hall, Norfolk, and the and Mrs H.S.J. Walding, of late Marchioness Townshend, . Cinderford, Gloucestershire,

Mr P.A. Davies and Miss S.J. Shipway The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Davies, of Perth, Australia, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Shipway, of Woodmancole, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Mr S. Flied

and Miss L. Christie The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Flind, of Putney, London, and Louise, only daughter of Sir George and Lady Christie, of Glyudebourne, Sussex. Mr J. Grassi and Miss C.L.R. Paton

The engagement is announced between Johnathon, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Grassi, of Broadstone, Dorset, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Paton, of Enmore, Bridgwater, Somerset. Mr J.G. Harrison

and Miss C.S. Shaw The engagement is announced between John Gatfield, eldest son of Professor M.J.G. Harrison, DM. FRCP, and Mrs P.H. Harrison, of Ruislin, Middlesex, and Caroline Susan. only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel D.S. Shaw, OBE, and Mrs D. Shaw, of Maidstone,

Mr T.S. King and Miss D.A. Tombleson The engagement is announced between Timothy Simon, younger son of the Rev J.C. and Mrs King, of Somersby Way. Boston, Lincolnshire, and Delia Ann, elder daughter of Mr P.H. Tombleson, OBE, and Mrs Tombleson, of The Grange, Peakirk, Peterborough.

Dr A.G. Mead and Miss S.L. Walding
The engagement is announced between Guy, second son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Mead. of Hurstpierpoint. Sussex. and Captain J.L. Melville and Miss S.E. Marsh

The engagement is announced between Captain James Melville. The Royal Scots
Dragoon Guards, elder son of
Mr Robin Melville. of Brook
Green, London, and Mrs Alan Seaward, of Comrie, Perthshire and Sophic, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Peter Marsh, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr S.J. Milae and Miss A.K.A. Younger The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Denis Milne, of Froxfield, Wittshire, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr Gavin Younger, of Earlston, Berwickshire, and Mrs Diana Younger, of Midlem, Selkirk,

Mr A.A. Menk and Miss S.N. Molossi The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Rear Admiral and Mrs A.J. Monk, of younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. T.M. Molossi, of London, W.S.

Mr J.G. Singlehurst and Miss S.D.C. Farr The engagement is announced between James George, elder son of Mr John Singlehurst, of The Manor House, Weldoo. Northamptonshire, and Mrs David Berridge, of Grays House, Soham, Ely. Cambridgeshire, and Susanna Dorothy Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Farr, of The Hermitage, Above Town, Dartmouth, Devon.

Lieutenant S.R. Solleveld, RN and Miss S.E. Clark The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs E. Solleveld, of Hill Brow, Hampshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Clark, of

Mr D.J.E. Weston and Miss C.G. Bekenn The engagement is announced between Duncan, elder son of Dr and Mrs Mark Weston, of Needingworth, Cambridgeshire, and Candida, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Bekenn, of Trysull, Staffordshire.

Marriages

Mr J.R. Hughes and Miss C.A. Hunter The marriage took place on Saturday, October 13, 1990, at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Tolworth, Surrey, of Mr Raoul Hughes, son of Mr and Mrs A. Hughes, of Walton-on-the-Hitl. Stafford, and Miss Catherine

Stationd, and Miss Catherine Hunter, eldest daughter of Mr S.J. Hunter, RCNC, and Mrs Hunter, of Southampton.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Beatrix Huoter, Miss Hermione Hunter and Master George Hunter. Mr Craig Hughes was best man. Mr A.N. Matthews

and Miss A.L.T. Hibler
The marriage took place on
Saturday, October 6, at the
Parish Church of St Margaret,
Lothbury, London, of Mr
Andrew Matthews, only son of
Mr and Mrs Neil Matthews, to
Miss Anne klibber, salutdensh Miss Anne Hibler, only daugh-ter of the late Mr John Hibler and of Mrs Hibler.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr David Hibler, was attended by Louise Burns. Mr Robert Burns was best man.

Reception Boissard Medical Research

Gortnadullagh, Co Kerry, Eire. at the Eastman Dental Hospital.

Professor Malcolm Harris Chairman of the Boissard Medical Research Fund Appeal, was host at a reception held last night at the Royal Society of Medicine for the establishment of a chair in oral biochemistry at the Department of Maxillo Facial Surgery and Oral Medicine

### Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit Clitheroe the Natural History Museum Royal Grammar School at Development Trust. 10.05; and present a new guidon to The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry at Stonyhurst School

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the new development for Parkhead Housing Association. 89 Tolkross Road, Glasgow, at 9.45; the Stratheyde Distillery, Moffer, Street Moffat Street, at 11.10; as Chancellor, will visit Edinburgh University at 2.10; and, as Patron of Queen Victoria School, will attend a dinner in Edinburgh Castle at 7.15 in aid of the sports hall appeal. The Princess of Wales will open new Centrepoint shelter for

homeless young people at 57 Dean Street, W1, at 10.30; and, as patron, will be host at a fundraising dinner at Kensington Palace at 8.00 in aid of Luncheons

Prime Minister The Duke of Gloucester was present at a lumbeon giveo by the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street yesterday in honour of the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Thailand and Thanpuying Boonruen Choonhavan. The other guests included:

Mr Sobin Pinkayan and Mrs Boonsri Pinkayan, Mr Korn Dabbarana. Mr Anaaret Sila-on, the Ambasaador of Tradiand and Mrs Praessvinischeri, Mr Kasem S Kasemsri. Mr Sivavong. Changkmairi. Mr China Pahupang, Mr Suvill Suthamukul, Mr Sunfaklat Sathiratinal. General Alaya Paaopanchon. Licutenana-General Siri Tiwagan.



Little Mermaid at the Odeon. Leicester Square, at 6.45 in aid of Endeavour and the Variety Club of Great Britain. The Right Hon Lord Alexander of Weeden, QC. Chairman of the National Westminster Bank pic, was the guest of honour at luncheon given hy the Management Consultancies Association, at the Cavalry and Guards Club yesterday. Mr

David Miller, president of the

Princess Alice Duchess of

Gloucester, Patron-in-Chief of the Scottish Veterans' Rys-

idences, will open the new wing at Rosendael, Broughty Ferry.

The Duke of Gloucester, as

President of the Old Etonian

Association, will attend a meeting at Hoare's Bank, 37 Fleet Street, at 5.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as

Patron of the National Asthma Campaign, will visit the 1990 Asthma gift fair at the Hurtingham Club at 10.30.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent

will attend a performance of The

Dundee, at 2.30.

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Birthdays today

association, presided.

Sir William Clark, MP, 73; Professor H.C.A. Hankins, principal, UMIST, 60; Lord Kimball, 62; Miss Melina Mercouri, actress and politician. 65; Miss Martina Navratilova. tennis player, 34; Sir Joseph Pope, former vice-chancellor, Aston University, 75: Lady Saltoun, 60; Mrs Mary Symes. first woman coroner, 78; Mr Dick Taverne, QC, former MP. 62; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Terry, 64; M Pierre Trudeau. CH, former Prime Minister of Canada. 71: Dame Janet Vaughan, former principal. Somerville College, Oxford, 91: Vice-Admiral Sir James Willis.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL**

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POWELL On October 16th, peacetally, aged 94. Roger O.S.E. Hon MA (Dublin), beloved father of David, Ann and All: Funeral service a Chichester Grematorhim. 3 pm on Friday October 26th. Family flowers only donations to Victory Ward Amenity Fund, Queen Alexandra Hospital. Cosham, Hampeture. A memorial will be arranged and announced. BOX - On October 16th 1990.
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34516 SCOTT David Lenson See Menacial Services.

THESMAN - On October 15th suddenly, Harry, husband of Rose and dear father of Blanca. Funeral is arranged in take piace on Wednesday October 24th at 12 noon at 5t. James RC Church, Twickenham, followed by internent at Rictumond Cemetery 1-15pm. Flowers and enquiries to OS1 852 1784

OCTOBER 18

ON THIS DAY 1907 might possibly mar the ultimate success of his system. The first message dealt with at the Irish station yesterday was received at 9 a.m., and was understood to be of a congratulatory character. It came from Cape Breton, but its contents and the name of the sender were not and the name of the sender were not divulged. At midday, in honour of the occasion, a number of flags were displayed on the buildings composing the station, including those of England, Canada, and the United States. The Italian flag was, out of compliment to Mr. Marconi, also profuled.

Nobody was admitted to the

premises without special permits from London. The buildings so far

erected are of a most primitive

character. They consist mostly of wooden buts, the principal exception

being the receiving and transmitting rooms, which form part of a perma-

nent erection composed of steel. The

electric current is generated in the

power-house, the heat being supplied

by three or four large boilers fed with

coal and peat. There is an abundant supply of hard black peat within the

grounds, and, although it possesses less than half the heating power of

coal, its cheapness and abundance

the commercial standpoint.

constitute an important factor from

Cables connect the power-house

with a series of powerful condensers close to the instrument rooms. These

condensers multiply the form of the

electric current and give enormous

power once the switches are turned

on. A number of tall masts, arranged

in a line facing seawards, contain a perfect network of wires, and on

these the messages are received and

The operators here have a tele-

phonic apparatus, with a very

sensitive sounder, attached to their

ears, and it is their trained sense of

hearing and distinguishing the Morse signals transmitted from the over-

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### MARCONI'S NEW TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE

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cross-Channel wireless communica-tion in 1899 between stations at

South Foreland and Wimereux, but

this was the first occasion that the Atlantic had been spanned in this

Our Dublin correspondent telegraphs that what promises to be a momentous factor in the development of Marconi wireless telegraphy was inaugurated yesterday, when, for the first time. Press messages were flashed across the Atlantic between Ireland and Cape Breton without recourse to the ordinary cable service.

The Irish station is situated on a dreary headland facing the Atlantic, about four miles from Clifden, "the capital of Connemara." On this remote portion of the western seaboard Mr. Marconi has established the largest wireless installation in the United Kingdom. A site, consisting of 300 acres, composed principally of bog, has been purchased by the company formed to exploit the undertaking, and, after two years of hard, unremitting exertion, the mechanical arrangements at the station are now in partial working

Press messages only were dealt with yesterday, out, later on, when the station has attained smooth working, ordinary private messages also will be transmitted. The difficulty of sending messages in daylight, owing to the peculiar effect of sunlight on the ether waves, and the danger that messages might be intercepted by passing steamers carrying the wireless apparatus, appeared, at first, to menace the ultimate success of the system; but it is stated, on what appears to be good authority, that Mr. Marconi has been able to eliminate any defects that

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BITCESON ON October 18th, stockessly, Lesie Donald Battiscombe, formerty of the Indian Subcombiness, Malaya and Thashand, dearly loved humaned of Molly, father of Chn and Penny and Inter in law of David, Finneral, service at St. Owwalds, Backford, Nr. Chester, on Monday, October 22nd, at 1.00 pm, Family flowers only or donations to The British Heart Foundation, Cro. J.C. Clarke & Sons, House Road, Chester. MEMORIAL SERVICES GREAVES - A Memorial Service for Professor Ronald Greaves will be held to the Chapel of Gourville and Cattus College. Cambridge, on Tuesday, November 6th at 2 pm. SCOTT - Dr. David Lennox, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., J.P. of Thet. Hants. A service of thanksgiving for all friends colleggies & associates at 3pm on November 1st at All Saints Church. Fleet. Hants. Enguirles to 0266 703642. GREAVES - A Memoria 818015 - On Monday October 15th, in Brussels, Lucie Anne Mary Julietto (née Tinchant) Widow of Robert Dubois.

widow of Robert Dubois.

Excepti - On October 16th, with great fortitude, at The Moore Cottage Hospital, Bourton-on-the-Water. Glos. Philip Kenyon of The Glebe House. Bourton-on-the-Water. Constantly loving husband of Diana, father of Grireida and Jeresty, Eather-lasw of Christopher and Anne. grandships of Christopher and Anne. grandships of Christopher. Charlotte, Emily and Authony. A stryice of Ibanksgiving will be held at St. Lawrence Church, Bourton-on-the-Water. Wednesday October 24th at 2.30pm. Donations for The General Purpose Trust Fund. c/o Mr. Wragge. The Moore Cottage Hospital, Bourton-on-the-Water. Glos. A Memorial service to be held at Stockhridge, Hamis, will be announced later.

RAMI - On October 16th 1990. IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE BELSON - Captain Geoffrey, Leicester, T.D. of Stone-in-Owney, Happy Stribbay, PAWSON - On October 18th Oxney, Happy Sirthday,
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WALKER - Today ends dear
Margaret's third Heavenlyyear. In my loving proud
thoughts always, Tony.

Birth and Death notices may be accepted over the telephone.

For publication the following day please telephone by 5.00pm Monday to Thursday. 4pm Friday. 9.30am-1.00pm Saturday for Monday's paper.

MAME - On October 16th 1990, peacefully after a short stress. Richard Andrew Ditton, aged 42 years. Greatly loved husband of Prances and loving stepfather of Robert and Nazatra, beloved son, of Christopher and Ruth and much loved brother and flowers only, but domations to; St. Michael's Hospitce, Hereford, Service of Thunksgiving to be announced.

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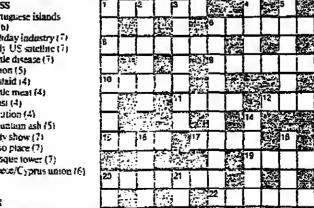
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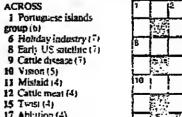
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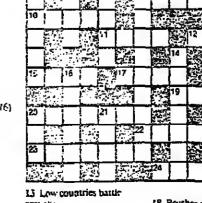
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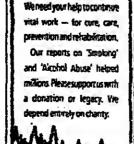


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Is TB visit to Haworth, and a A glance through the cuary written by the father of the Bronte sisters, shows that it was coming not only the girls and Branwell who disturbed the nights in the parsonage with their coughing. The Rev Patrick Bronte suffered back? from chronic bronchitis, and he was greatly troubled by his cough. In the days when tuberculosis was rife, the Haworth scenario was common; the vulnerable children developed ohvious TB, while their grandmother or grandfather, whose

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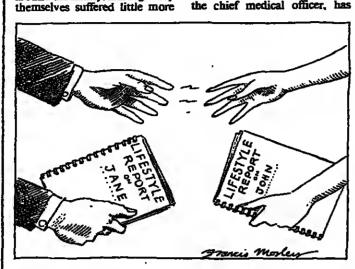
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MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Aids may change the traditional picture, for no longer will it be elderly grandparents who infect the family but the raffish Uncle George who, in the words of Sir Donald Acheson, the chief medical officer, has



### Beethoven's eighth

The theory that Beethoven died from sarcoidosis is an ingenious one which can never be disproved; but it is known that his signs, symptoms and eventual mode of death were not those commonly associated with this strange disease.

Press reports following the publication of Dr Tom Palferman's treatise on Beethoven's health must have made glonmy reading for the 2,200 British patients who are newly diagnosed each year as having sarcoid; they should take heart, for they are almost as likely to write a symphony as to die from liver disease or go deaf.

Although sarcoid involves the liver in 70 per cent of patients, this infiltration can usually be demonstrated only by liver biopsy; symptoms from it are rare, and do not figure in the list of the six main reasons why the disease is first diagnosed. Experts agree that only a few cases of sarcoid develop chronic liver failure, and that death from liver disease

in sarcoidosis is even rarer. in Britain only I per cent of patients with sarcoid have involvement of the central nervous system, and even when it does strike the cranial nerves, it is much more usual for the facial nerve to be damaged, causing a opulc nerve, with loss of vision, rather than the eighth auditory nerve. If Beethoven had been one of the unlucky few with nerve damage, he is much more likely to have gone hlind than deaf, particularly as sarcoidosis also frequently causes an inflammatory eye condition (uvcitis). Syphilis, however, which Beethoven is reputed to have had, has a predilection for attacking the eighth nerve, and hearing loss is common.

The cause of sarcoid is unknown; it produces changes, granulomas, similar to those aused by TB, and like TB can attack practically any part of the body, but it is not infectious. The theory that an allergy might be the cause enjoys periodic sup-port, but has never been proved, and it seems probable that sarcoid can be provoked by a variety of different agents.

The disease, which usually starts with joint pains, unexplained fever and crythema nodosum (a skin rash), later usually attacks the lungs and the glands near them. Respiratory

problems are the usual reason for any disabilities, and death when it does occur is usually either from respiratory failure, or heart failure secondary to lung disease. A third of patients make a complete recovery, a third are left with minor residual damage, a third need long-term treatment, and in only well under 5

been been sleeping with people

Aids reduces the body's im-

mune response to a wide variety

of conditions, so that infections

and cancers which had pre-viously been so rare that they were confronted only in the

pages of textbooks have now become comparatively comm-

TB, and in consequence the

disease may make a comeback in

Britain just as it has, according

to reports from the World

Health Organisation this week,

in many overseas countries. But, as yet. Aids is still not suf-

ficiently common for this

complication to have affected

British statistics; the number of

notifications of TB for the last quarter available shows little

change from those notified in the

same quarter in the previous

The spread of Aids in the

heterosexual community is, as predicted, increasing, and is following the expected pattern,

albeit at a slower rate than

So Sir Donald's advice was

sound, even if quaintly reported; for whereas a formal introduc-

tion and a long courtship are unimportant, a knowledge not only of a potential sexual part-

ner's own lifestyle, but also of the

habits of the social groups in which he or she has moved, may

forecast

Aids patients are vulnerable to

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to a patient's death. It still seems probable that Beethoven had syphilis and died from chronic cirrhosis secondary to alcoholism, a dual pathology which would account for all his symptoms.

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### Too much of a good thing

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livened by stories of the fate which befell explorers who ate polar bear or scal liver. These livers are so packed with vitamin A that the heartless explorers paid for their carnage by developing acute hyper-vitaminosis; they became sleepy and lethargic, possibly fatal complications in the Arctic cold, and also suffered from chronic headaches and vomiting; later, their skin peeled. Similar but less dramatic signs and symptoms affected children whose parents, anxious to see that nothing was spared in giving them a good oil and vitamin pills. The average capsule contains 4,000 international units, and as overdosage is usually regarded as over 100,000 international units a day for adults, 20,000 a day for children, it is not easily achieved; when it is, however, the victim develops dry skin and sparse hair as well as vague joint pains, headaches and a general lassitude. Occasionally the liver is affected, but in nearly all cases

recovery is swift and complete

once the vitamin A is discontinued. More recently it has been shown that overdosage with vitamin A causes occasional foetal abnormalities, and the most recent suggestion is that it may not only be the polar bear and seal liver which contains potentially dangerous levels of vitamin A, but that a vulnerable unborn child might also be affected by the much smaller quantities of vitamin A present in liver bought at the butcher's. Changes in vitamin A levels in butcher's liver are thought to be related to the high quantities of the vitamin present in some animal feeds; the livers of all animals concentrate and store vitamin A.

Vitamin A in reasonable antities women when pregnant, but an essential part of their diet. It seems highly improbable that any woman is going to give birth to a deformed child because she chose liver pâté rather than potted shrimps as an horsd'oeuvre, or had calves' liver as the main course, but she should perhaps avoid eating large quantities of liver until research workers have decided whether there is any substance in this latest scare.

# If business is personal

Companies are calling on outside agencies to solve their staff's personal problems.

Liz Gill reports

ani Bains, a clinical psychologist, has consulting rooms in a Nash crescent overlook-ing Regent's Park, in London. There, amid the potted plants, clients get the benefit of her professional expertise at their company's expense. It seems a long way from the days when a good cry in the ladies or a cup of tea in the canteen were the nearest most businesses got to personal counselling.

Confidential help for emotional

and psychological problems is increasingly a measure of com-pany concern, and those who offer it see it as a logical progression from traditional occupational health. Bill Edge, the personnel manager of ICL's logistics operations in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, says: "It's the last piece of the ligent We believe your should jigsaw. We believe you should look after people as a whole, their mental and emotional as well as physical well-being."

The company has just set up an employee assistance programme offering its 1,500 staff in Stevenage, and their families, confidential advice on anything from drug abuse to domestic

disputes.
"We have adopted an arm's-length approach," Mr Edge says.
"We advertise the service and that's it. That is why we wrote to people at home. We wanted it to be an individual, rather than a

heavy corporate thing."

A key element in the programme is that it is run by an outside agency, Personal Performance Consultants UK (PPC), which has about 20 similar schemes in Britain, covering between 10.000 and 15,000 employees in companies including oil, banking and computers. The annual cost is about £30 per worker.

"The basic concept is that the organisation buys our service as a welfare benefit. It is off-site, free to the employee, and confidential," says Alistair Anderson, the managing consultant with PPC. "I think we are far more conscious nowadays that you have to look after your staff. "Some companies have set up

in-house counselling but often it is not very popular. It is naïve to think people will go if they have to walk past the managing director's office to a door marked, in effect, 'problems solved here'.' PPC has a network of 80

counsellors, usually clinical psychologists, psychiatric reg-istrars or social workers to whom clients can be sent after an imitial They are supervised and all follow the same approach, which is, Mr Anderson says, essentially

one of problem-solving rather than psycho-analytical or behavioural. In the United States, where assistance programmes have flourished for 20 years, the average take-up rate by employees has been about 8 per cent. Marital or domestic difficulties account for 40 per cent of referrals, drug or.

alcohol abuse for 10 per cent and

psychological conditions, such as



A sympathetic ear: but Rani Bains would never suggest a troubled employee should resign

depression or anxiety, for a further 10 per cent. The rest cover a wide range: legal, financial, career.
Although PPC has been estab-

lished for only two years, the figures compiled in Britain so far show a similar trend. Clients come from the boardroom as well as the shop floor and are as likely to be male as female.

Companies are not told the names of employees using the service, but they are given quarterly reports on the numbers and the type of problems. McDonnell Douglas, the American aviation company, estimated that, over a fonr-year period, reduced absenteeism and better productivity resulted in a saving of \$4 for every dollar spent on counselling.

ICL, which is running its programme as a one-year pilot study, in efficiency. Mr Edge says: "Wehope there will be a measurable increase in morale. Some problems take staff away from their work mentally, if not physically."

A counselling service can also be a management tool, because an employee whose performance is seriously below par can be referred for help. More than 95 per cent of cases, however, are self-referrals. According to Ms Bains, a PPC counsellor, they are often the most apparently successful men and women. "Somotimes, high achiev-

ers have done it at the expense of range of contacts outside the their emotional lives."

"It is also very difficult to get access to people such as psycholo-gists on the NHS because there are such long waiting lists. This way the access is immediate,"

Judith Mills, a management consultant, says the success of personal counselling depends on the calibre of the counsellor, "If you get the wrong one, you can do more harm than good. That is one of the drawbacks of having them in the workplace in a personnel office or occupational health department, where they may have other things to do as well.

"If you go outside, you may be able to draw on the expertise of someone who is doing such work fulltime," Ms Mills says. "It takes a lot of courage to admit you need help and I still don't think it is next of our culture in the way that it is in the United States: But aware-

ness is growing."
Dr Howard Vaile, the chairman of the BMA's occupational health committee, believes it is perfectly proper for a company to concern itself with the psychological and emotional health of its staff. Dr Vaile is a medical adviser at Imperial Metal Industries, Birmingham, where he and his colleagues are frequently asked for confidential belp with personal problems. They also have a wide

company to help deal with specific needs. He says, however, that smaller companies may not have the resources or the time for inhouse counselling. "The other advantage of an outside agency is that it is seen to be independent of the company. There is always a suggestion than an in-house department will be partial, even though that is not the case."

One of the main difficulties faced by counsellors is that many personal problems are a result of working conditions and what counselling service, paid for by a company, is going to tell staff to work less hard, or insist on extra manpower to ease the workload?

Mr Anderson says that counselling services do, in fact, give companies feedback. "You company it had to take on another 300 staff — but you can point out, for example, that you are getting an inappropriate number of referrals from one department and they can put two and two together."

Ms Bains says she would never tell anyone to leave their job, "The individual must make the choices. But we can facilitate understanding and teach coping strategies so that people can control their workload or feel more confident in dealing with their boss,"

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### When truth is the highest premium Insurance companies insist on a medical before customers take

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ON THE whole, I trust doctors, And on the whole, I trust big insurance companies. But that trust can be misplaced. The last time I had to get a new

life insurance policy (to get a bigger mortgage), I was given a medical by a doctor I had never met before. He produced a report, which I was not allowed to sec.

I was subsequently informed by my broker that I had been 'loaded" because of something in my medical report. Momentarily worried, I rang the insurance company, Sun Alliance. Why had it rated me an above-average risk? Sun Alliance would not tell me. If I had any enquiries about my health, I should ask my GP. She

could not enlighten me.
Was it because I had asthma?
Was it because I had an irritable bowel? Or was it because I had confessed to drinking the equiva-

lent of a bottle of wine a day? Or was it something else? It not bear thinking about, so I forgot it until recently, when my wife and I decided that I ought to take out some sort of health insurance.

This time, when I got the form, I ticked the box that asked if I wanted to see any medical report before it

insurers. I heard nothing for more than a month, when my broker rang to say that the insurance company had sent off the form to my doctor several weeks previously, and had subsequently dispatched a reminder, but without response.

I rang my doctor, who said she had dooe it long ago. I reminded her I had asked to see the report before it went back to the insurers.

your premium - and refuse to say why you are a health risk? I was then told that the form was ready and had been awaiting my

approval for a month or so. Why had nobody told me the form was waiting? The surgery secretary said it was not her job, but my broker's. But how could my broker know when the doctor had done the report?

I was not allowed to take the report away, but had to read it on the premises, before the surgery sent it to the insurance company. I read it and there were no surprises - except that, when I handed it back, I was told I would have to pay a fee of £7.50 "for the extra work involved".

As nohody had bothered to tell me the report was there, I asked what extra work was involved, apart from handing the report to me and taking it back. There was no coherent response. The doctor is paid separately by

the insurance company in such cases. The British Medical Association subsequently told me the fee

should have been levied only if I had required a photocopy of the report. This was not the case, and I am attempting to recover the David Mountain, the chief

underwriter with Friends Provident, said that in my case there had been an error. I should have been informed when the form went to my doctor, but I was

report. He confirmed that Friends Provident, like other insurance companies, paid the doctor £20 for a report. He also confirmed that it was not company policy to disclose reasons for "loading". This was up to the client's GP. He would not like, for instance, to have to break it to somebody that he or she had multiple sclerosis. A GP was the proper person to discuss a patient's ailments, and to provide the appropriate reas-

All very fair, but Mr Mountain was not able to discount the possibility that a GP, while aware of the patient's ailments,

might not be able to say why he or she had been "loaded". This had been my case, and Richard Street, Sun Alliance's manager for group risk and underwriting, promised to look into it on my behalf. He looked up my file and told

me that I had been "loaded" actually no increase in premium, but a limit on the extent of the cover - for two reasons: my asthma and my drinking. The obvious moral is to give up drinking or keep quiet.

On general practice, Mr Street said that where an independent doctor undertook an examination (for which the company pays a

standard rate of £27.501 there was no "automatic process" whereby his findings were made known to either the patient or the patient's GP. When I protested that the examination might uncover some allment that the GP had missed he could say only that "medical ethics" would apply, and he was sure that if it were anything serious, the doctor would inform either the parient or the GP. Almost certainly he is right, but I would like to be certain.

Since January 1, 1989, people have had the right to see their own doctor's medical reports done for insurance or employment pur-poses — unless the doctor feels this would be harmful. But we have no night to find out from an insurance company why we have been loaded. We should have. RUPERT MORRIS

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# The last war of liberation for the BBC



Early days: Eather Rantzen in 1971

Joan Bakewell Angela Rippon and Kate Adie helped end prejudice against female television presenters. Now. Esther Rantzen says,

women must enter the door to the executive suite

he problem of wasted female talent is far from unique to the BBC. It is a paradox of our times that women collect at the bottom of the labour pool, like silt. Sir David Attenborough might consider observing the working human female for his next series — in the worst paid jobs women are as multitudinous as the fish in the sea, in the top executive roles they

are as rare as unicorns.

This does not just apply to the sweat-shops: walk into any BBC production office and you will find at least half the staff are women. But take the lift to the executive floor and they have almost disappeared. Will the new policies announced last week, the

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job-sharing, the creches, the women's training prothe imbalance? Can the BBC achieve the fairly modest target it. reduce the 90 per cent male domination of its most senior jobs to a mere 70 per cent

Theoretically, it could be possible. There are positive prec-edents, after all. Tweaty-five years ago. Panorama was a male ghetto and proud of it. In the Sixties it was understood among television executives that women could never read the news: a tragic news item would make them break. down and sob in front of the cameras. It was a foolish theory even before Kate Adie outfaced boinb and bullet to disprove it. But it was seriously held, just as it direct a variety show because she direct a variety show because she would be appalled by the comedians' language. I was told in 1968 that 1 could not report from Beliast because nobody could decide what a female reporter in a war zone should wear. Brilliant pioneering women — Jackie Gillot, Joan Bakewell, Angela Rippon, Sue Lawley — took on that prejudice and defeated it. Further, they proved that viewers enjoy watching talented women enjoy watching talented women on the screen, so that now no producer would consider creating

a new programme without women

presenters.

The battle on the screen has not been entirely won. I still detect in the spit and sawdust of the BBC's newsrooms traces of the old prejudice. For example, when women presenters venture into the world of entertainment, they face the possibility of not being considered for current affairs programmes. Men are allowed far grammes. Men are allowed far more leeway. When Sir Robin Day appeared with Morecambe and Wise, cowering under a table in a tin hat, that was just him showing his genial side: more power to him. But after Angela Rippon joined Eric and Ernie's high-kicking chorus line, she was consigned to Come Dancing. If women journalists show their legs,

their colleagues at once label them feet of clay. If Sir David were a woman, his shorts would be his downfall.

But, if women have won their onscreen battles, it is behind the screens that the real problems lie. I first joined television

production as a reasearcher in 1965. Jobs for women were then as precious as gold dust, so when I was given the job of filing 23,000 photographs I was properly grateful. The gratitude wore a little thin after the six tedious months spent bent double over dusty filing cabinets. It wore even thinner when I realised that my men friends from university, my exact contemporaries with precisely my qualifications, were already out directing films for the nightly current affairs programme. It was firmly, that cameramen and sound recordists would not work forwomen - that was why there were no women film directors. There are now. The battle now is to recruit women as camera-persons, and sound recordists.

Although every television production office is filled with women today, marriage and child-ren still create a conflict in their lives, and make promotion diffi-cult. I had a very talented sec-retary, Janice Booth, who was about to be promoted to become a production assistant when she got



Still fighting in 1990: Esther Rantzen says she "still detects traces of the old prejudice"

pregnant. She was immediately faced with a choice. If she were to contioue her career, her baby would have to be looked after by a child minder. She would not be able to afford a qualified nanny. Janice demanded the best for her daughter, so she resigned, and took part-time work on a freelance basis. Her two daughters amply repay the love, the creative input, the time and skill she has devoted to them. But the television industry, the BBC, have lost ber.

I have other colleagues in more senior roles who also put their difference. They have reached the level of senior producer, have achieved considerable professional reputations. For them, the choice was to move up the BBC's steep ladder of promotioo, or to leave and join the industry's pool of freelance producers/ directors. They chose to leave. As independents they can pick and choose work to suit their bours. rather than be dominated by the office diary. But also I suspect they made their decision because

promotion in television can be

At comparatively junior levels, researchers, directors and producers bave immediate contact with programme material, with people and places all over the world. They can walk through any door, the tower block in Paddington, the

profoundly unattractive.

vaults in the Bank of England, if they are there to make a pro-gramme. They can enjoy the crackle of their work on the air, the most exciting and immediate communication with the viewer. The adrenalin of programmemaking is addictive. I speak as an addict so seriously hooked that when once I was asked to apply for a senior executive job, I found it impossible even to contemplate unhooking myself from my job as producer/presenter.

nt once women tread the ladder of promotion, they must trade this immediate reward for the more subtle ones of commissioning hiring and firing, allocating budgets, deciding policy. The pastry cooks become the menu-planners. They gain power and status but many women regard these as

So I believe that to achieve the new BBC targets of women in senior management it will take more than a change of working practice hy the men who run the BBC. It will take a real change io attitudes and aspiration by the women who work there. They will have to be prepared to fail, and fail publicly. They will have to learn to make the nasty decision, to fire, to cut hudgets, to withstand painful controversy, criticism and pol-itical battles because that is the price of the most senior jobs. They will have to give up the fun. the high of direct programme making. What are the rewards?

The rewards will be the satisfactioo of enabling other talent, of expressing female strengths. providing role models in the office and in the studio, on the screen and behiod it. The men who run the BBC have opened the door, not wide, but wide cnough for women to stop kicking, and start walking through it. Will the women in broadcasting have the courage to take up the challenge?

# Oh, jings! Those were the days

In an age of pre-teen love comics, an appreciation of girls who were girls

ew things are as poignant as a really old children's comic. It is a solemn, autumnal thought that the little girls who first giggled over the adventures of Lettice Leefe, the Greenest Girl in the School, are now contemplating the menopause and identifying more with Miss Froth, the headmistress. Belle of the Ballet has long since come down off her

points, and probably taken a job as a regional arts administrator, Susan of St Brides will have discarded her starched cap and collar to marry Max, her un-cannily respectful someone should pul up a statue lo the Reverend Mar-

cus Morris, the creator of Eagle and Girl: he tried so hard to keep childhood whole-some. It is not entirely his fault that he failed.

These melancholy reflections arise from a couple of evenings spent immersed in Denis Gifford's loving compilation of *The Best of Girl Annual 1952-1959*. The period appears to have been a golden one; after a rocky start in 1961 the sister paper to the more famous Eagle hit its stride rapidly and with Mr Morris guided by thou-sands of young readers' letters — found a formula which worked.

t least, it worked until the Sixties struck: after the Cavern Club I doubt whether even the most gently brought-up girls would any longer have put up with profiles on the hnes of "Dennis Lotis... with his "dashing pink-painted piano", or indeed "Kenneth More, a naturally gay person".

Girl had a peculiar and endearing way with hell-raisers; there is a profile of Vivien Leigh which succeeds in mentioning two marriages hut no divorce, and describes her nervous breakdown as "like an overworked motor-car

... she was reconditioned, re-geared and returned ready for the road agaio!". And the account of "shy, polite" Richard Burton and his wife Sybil is positively inspiring. At least, it inspires you to turn the page quickly aod, "Make a Tyrolean Belt".

But that was standard Fifties fare. Far more important about Girl are the comic-strips, and an eveniog with these should wipe the patronisiog smile off any modern woman's face. The gloomy truth is that today's girlchildreo are offered absolutely quality, breadth and feminist vision. Some, to be sure, are mere school and bospital soap operas, hu! they ranged wider than that. When Clare Francis and Naomi James were still in ankle socks, let me tell you, there was Captain Starling, flame-haired skipper of the yacht Kestrel ("Sam! Cram on all the sail she'll carry!"). There was Sumuna of her South Sea Isles, always game to save a pearldiver from the jaws of a giant clam, and Martine, creeping over pagoda roofs to foil the bandits of

Huao Ming. All these girls - and even Susan of St Brides, the kindhearted student ourse, - are drawn with strong features, clear eyes, and bodies rohust enough to row against storms ("Jings! My strength's giving out!"). Their clothes, moreover, are suitable for clambering up ivy and through them show the slightest tendency

to define themselves through boyfriends, conform to social pressures or slump into premature wifehood. They are young and free and ust as good as boys, and they know it: years before Greer, these young at the dog-

end of it all, I vaguely remember the pleasure of stories in which girls led and instigated, instead of forever being rescued.

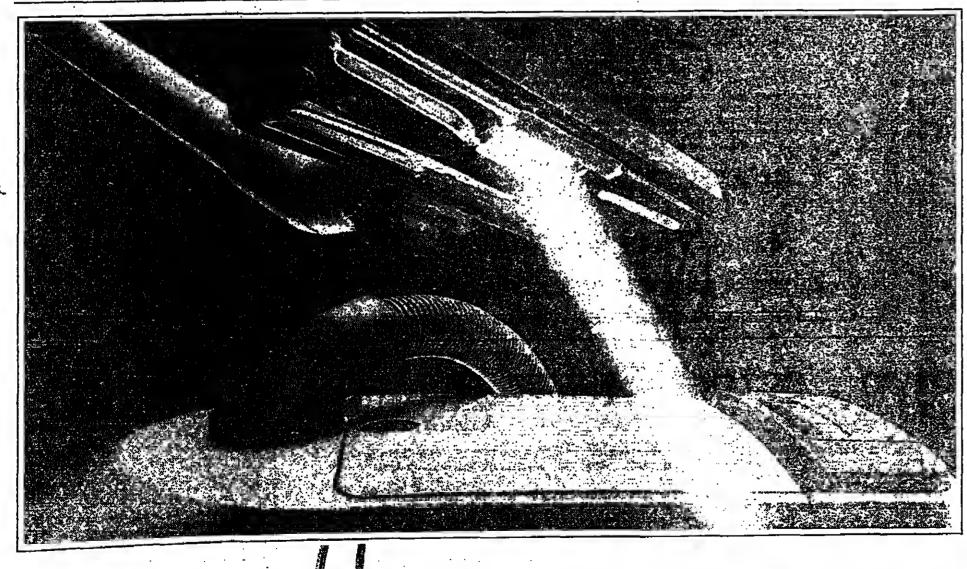
Reading today's teenage girls' magazines it does not take long to see what has happened. If there is a drawn strip, then lips pour, breasts are up-tilted, and great tears roll down flawless cheeks. If there is an article on "What's more important? Boyfriends or a career?" it will hastily disown its message with "Speaking of careers, have you ever dreamt of being a model?" Not only is the vocabulary of all sub-teenage magazines minute, with everything "awesome!", or "mega groovy"; but the girls magazines relentlessly reinforce the view that life without a boy is empty.

Fresh from the hracing fantasy of Wendy and Jinx rescuing a kidnapped heiress in their canoe it is a sbock to read the 1990 problem pages. They do their best, but betray a readership of girls enslaved by tawdry images of sexuality. The adjoining pages and advertisements all show girls leaning dependently on boys' chests: the Girl girl was at least offered models of self-assertion and bloody-minded independence.

o what bappened to Girl? It died in the Sixties, was revived as a comic in 1980 by IPC, then relaunched with more fashion, beauty and pop to attract advertisers. It failed, and was ignominiously merged with My

Guy in March of this year, "It's romantic photo-stories," says Jackie Newcombe, publisher of young women's magazines at IPC. "With the odd social issue, of course. Like Aids." Absolutely no chance, then, of reviving any Storvines about daring gr ers wrestling giant clams? "You're joking. If you suggested that stuff to today's 13-year-olds they would say, 'Nah, it's got to be rap and hip-hop and lots of guys'. And it's got to have swearing in it. They always ask for street language." Even if they had asked, one feels, Mr Morris would not have given it

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# Apple aims for big bite of the cherry

Computer giants in cut-price battle

their manufacturers try to revive a dormant market ference between most brands. with sharply falling growth rates. Computer magazines now advertise a host of less well known makes and a few in producing machines comless than £500.

In what is clearly a buyers' market, one of the best known computer companies, Apple, has decided that there might be something in the "pile them high, sell them cheap" strategy that made Amstrad's original personal computers so successful.

This week Apple announced a long awaited new range of three Macintosh computers that start from £660 (including VAT) — almost half the price of its current cheapest model.

Called the Macintosh Classic and aimed at first time users, the cheapest black and white machine comes with one megabyte of memory and a floppy disc drive. It pitches Apple back into competition with IBM for cheaper machines. IBM recently announced its own computer for first time users - the PS/1 which sells for about £1,000.

Apple used its Macintosh computers to pioneer the concept of desktop publishing. Although the Classic will handle popular DTP packages, customers who want to use more sophisticated software will have to opt for the more expensive version with hard disc and increased memory that takes the price above

A better choice for such applications might be the second new model, the LC, a relatively cheap colour computer with 2 megabytes of memory and a 40-megabyte hard disc at around £1,700. It includes a microphone to record and store voice messages with a computer file "in much the same way as band-written notes are added to printed documents", says the company.

For serious business use there is a cheaper version of the Macintosh II series at around £2,600 - which includes the ability to place voice recordings in files so that they can "speak" to the

The problem for many buy-ers of personal computers is

ersonal computer prices that having decided on what are continuing to fall as level of power is required there is increasingly little dif-

That has not been the case with Apple which has never followed the rest of the market more famous ones that start at patible with the industry stan-less than £500. patible with the industry stan-dard of IBM compatibility imposed by the runaway suc-cess of IBM's initial personal computer.

The difference has been both a strength and a weakness. Initially it gave Apple the ability to produce machine admired for their easy to use picture-based software.

Now competitors have been able to emulate many of the best features - helped most recently by the success of the Windows 3.0 program that can give IBM-style personal computers the same look and feel as a Macintosh yet remain compatible with industry



Chatlenger: Classic computer

Apple is also facing competition in the emerging market for multi-media systems that mix video pictures, sound

lis products have begun to look seriously overpriced. Until now the company has managed to retain a gross profit margin of more than 50 per cent - considerably higher

than its rivals. But Apple's conversion to the idea of selling more and cheaper products did not impress the stock market this week, which is concerned about reduced profit margins.

Along with cheaper computers Apple is expected to become more amenable to licensing the Macintosh technology to others so that Macintosh clones may appear. The company has recently been in discussions with both Toshiba and Sony on the possibility of producing a laptop computer. MATTHEW MAY

Free power from

beneath the waves

working with the Taiwanese government and industry to harvest electricity from the sea using a novel method known as ocean thermal energy conversion (Otec).

The five-megawatt project, which would provide power for about 5,000 homes, could lead to the widescale commercial development of a form of renewable energy claimed to be one of the world's most environmentally benign.

Unlike tidal and wave power Otec systems work 24 hours a day, exploiting the temperature difference between the warm surface seas and the deep, cold, polar waters found in tropical and sub-tropical

regions at 1,000-metre depths.

Many of the countries in these regions are reliant on fuel imports.Recent estimates from the United States calculate that 60,000 megawatts of the world's electricity could be generated from the oceans' temperature gradients by the year

Britain, with offshore engineering skills developed from its North oil exploration, is funding technical and economic research on Otec systems at several academic centres, including Manchester and Newcastle universities. The research is co-ordinated by the Marine Technology Directorate in London, and could form part of Wealth from the Oceans, a new trade and industry initiative.

Many of the nations that could benefit from the vast renewable

space agency, Nasa, to study

the heart function of astronauts

should soon be available in hos-

pitals. It uses a new radioisotope,

tantalum-178, and a new type of

camera to provide better images

while sharply reducing radiation

The principle is the same as

existing devices which have been on the market for 25 years. A radio-

active isotope is infused into the

bloodstream, and carried to the

heart or other organs. It emits gamma rays which are detected by a

camera and converted into an image capable of showing details of

The new system, marketed by Xenos Medical Systems of Houston Texas, was originally developed by

Jeffrey Lacey at the Johnson Space

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diagnostic system originally developed for the American

bouring seas are also keen to promote agriculture and aquaculture. Otec systems, apart from generating electricity, bring up nutrient-rich cold waters from the deep that could be discharged into tanks, sited next to power stations, for raising fish and shellfish, and high-value marine plants such as seaweed for food and medical

'Virtually all the capital costs will be paid off in eight years'

Tests in Hawaii, where statefunded projects have been under investigation since the Seventies, indicate that when the nutrient-rich waters are exposed to warm sunlight at the surface, the growth of marine animals and plants is accelerated several-fold.

In addition, areas of the world with coastal borders that are short of drinking and irrigation water, such as the Caribbean island of St Lucia, can use part of an Otec plant's electricity production to desalinate sea water.

Studies are also being conducted around the world to develop Otec 'grazing" systems that would roam the oceans, generating electricity to mine sea-bed minerals or to process ores at sea. The processing plants could also be used to split water into oxygen and hydrogen. The hydro-gen could be shipped as a liquid fuel

or used as a raw material for making energy-intensive fertilisers.

After North Sea gas and oil, engineers are now working on generating electricity from the oceans. Nick Nuttall reports

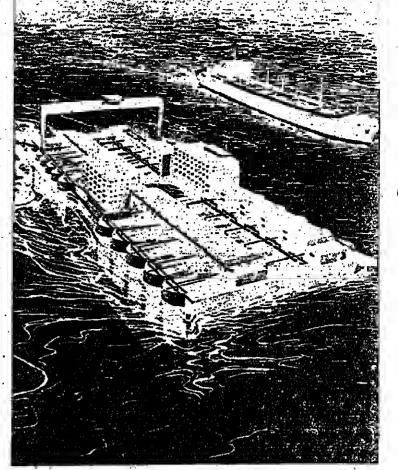
Details of the Taiwanese plans, published in the autumn issue of the Society for Underwater Technology's journal, Underwater Technology, comes at a time of growing

Don Lennard, the director and chief executive of the Marine Technology Directorate in London and the managing director of Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Sys-tems, of Orpington in Kent, says the present 2.5 per cent efficiency of such systems is poor when compared with a coal-fired or oil-fired power station, but the fuel is free. Mr Lennard, a consultant to the

Taiwanese programme, says: "It is an equation between the capital costs of an inefficient system, typically \$10,000 per kilowatt, and the much lower cost of a coal-fired or oil-fired power station, less than \$1,000 per kilowatt, but which you have to keep paying to fuel."

alculations indicate that, with oil at \$28 to \$30 a barrel, the economic equation begins swinging in favour of Otec stations. At \$40 a barrel the attractiveness soars because virtually all the capital costs will be paid off after eight-and-ahalf years.

Most international effort has concentrated on the Otec closedcycle system, in which a heat. exchange fluid, such as ammonia, is evaporated, creating power to turn a generator, and the cold water re-



Vision of the future: an artist's impression of a factory ship, powered by electricity generated from the heat of the oceans

condenses the fluid to continue the process. Put simply, Mr Lennard says, the system mimics the domestic refrigerator in reverse.

In the Taiwanese scheme, envis-

ged as a seven-year test prototype which may lead to larger commercial plants, planners have opted for a shore-based plant, where the cold water intake pipe will run out from the Otec power station into the sea. Nevertheless, British engineers

envisage that floating plants, such as a 10-megawatt system devised by Otec and sited offshore, will be the way forward.

The main hurdle, however, which supporters of such systems need to overcome is the traditional scepticism of financiers towards new technologies. "When the first commercial one is built, I am convinced they will snowball rap-idly," Mr Lennard says.

# Space spin-off helps heart checks

Centre in Houston. He needed a system that could be used repeatedly on astronauts to ensure that their hearts were working well, without exposing them to dan-gerous amounts of radiation,

Dr Lacey selected tantalum-178 which has a half-life of only 9.3 minutes. This is long enough to produce images, but not long enough to cause unecessary exposure. It decays 30 times more quickly than technetium-99, an isotope normally used for such

To match the new isotope, Dr Lacey devised a new camera which is much lighter than existing ones and capable of producing better images. This uses a crossed matrix Portable machine is cheaper and safe to use on infants

rather than crystals of sodium iodide. According to Xenos, it is five times faster and produces twice the resolution of conventional cameras while weighing only a third as

The Xenos system appears ideally suited to "first-pass" studies of the heart, in which the radioisotope is imaged as it reaches the heart. Existing systems do not do this very effectively, relying instead on imaging a large succession of heartbeats

and averaging, which often produces unsatisfactory test results. The first Xenos system in the

United Kingdom may be installed at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast. A group from the hospital travelled to Houston to see the system working and are now frying to raise the money to buy the hardware and set up a four-year research study of it in the hospital.

Dr Jimmy Laird, a radiologist at the hospital, lists the system's advantages. First, he says, it is genuinely portable which existing systems, weighing half to three quarters of a ton, are not. This means it could be used in emergency situations, to look, for example, at the heart of a patient

admitted to casualty after an apparent heart attack.
It produces a much lower radi-

ation dose, one twentieth of conventional systems, which means that it could be used on infants, excluded from this type of diagnosis at present because their low body weight means that radiation doses are too high. Dr Laird says that the Xenos system is not capable of replacing all existing gamma cameras but that it is very promising.

Joe Dickinson, who runs Xenos's European operations from Old Trafford, Manchester, says that it will also be a lot cheaper, selling for about £90,000 against nearer £140,000 for existing systems. He is hoping to bring two into Europe during 1991, one for Belfast and another for a hospital in Gothenberg, Sweden.

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# **Economic worries** slow recruitment

he recruitment of in-formation technology staff is declining across the board as companies reduce their expenditure in the face of an economic down-

slowing down recruitment. Although IT is an area Atthough IT is an area unemployed as companies traditionally seen as suffering trim their computing budgets. from a huge skills shortage, several recent reports show which took part in a survey by Price Waterhouse earlier this month reported plans to cut back on IT staff and expen-

term recession". The downturn is also causing a loss of confidence among computing services companies, many of which are reducing staff numbers. The Computing Sersalary vices Association increases' (CSA) agrees that the high expansion

"The chief executives of 160 CSA companies have re-corded their lowest-yet level of business confidence," the CSA

Less than a third of the warns in a survey on trends which says that growth in IT staff has been slowing in the past year and numbers are

probably now falling. A recent survey of IT staff. at 1,000 locations, carried out by Peddar Associates, suggests by Peddar Associates, suggests same trend was evident in the there is no longer a staff last main IT slowdown in shortage, with companies reporting a 4.6 per cent

This figure does not indicate that companies are suffering from staff shortages to make up the shortfall. as there will always be some level of vacancies at any one time," Derek Peddar, the managing director of Peddar

"It is perfectly normal for any site to be about 5 per cent short, due mainly to factors such as retirement, promotions, transfers within an oreanisation and resignations."

Most IT staff are now receiving modest salary increases of between 7.5 and 10 unable to find employment. per cent, compared with a

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more usual industry average of about 12 per cent. Employment agencies hanturn, leaving contractors out dling contract staff report that of work and software houses the market has slumped, leaving some of their freelancers

More than 50 per cent of the executives questioned in the how quickly this shortage has Price Waterhouse survey in-disappeared into thin air. A dicated their budgets would dicated their budgets would third of 100 large companies remain the same - a drop in real terms given the current inflation rate - while only 15 per cent said their budgets back on IT staff and expen-diture "in the face of a longer-term. About 15 per cent said

their budgets would be cut in the their 'Most staff short term, rising to more than 33 per cent in the case are now receiving of a longer-term modest These trends

> confirmed earlier predictions that the IT jobs market was moving into recession. An ear-

rates for high technology staff
at the end of the Eighties are
No more.

Waterhouse said the average
IT budget for companies with a department of more than

> average IT budget is spent on staff and the Price Waterhouse survey of 1,000 IT executives showed that employee numbers had been cut by an average of two per installation throughout the country. The 1985. At that time, many of the cuts involved permanent staff. Instead, companies indicated they will increase their numbers of contract staff

reelance contractors increased their share of the IT budget by 15.7 per cent, and the amount spent on in-house staff fell by 11.6 per

However, companies are now also cutting back on contractors, with one recruitment agency reporting that about a third of short-term freelance staff are currently

# Children face mercury danger



Crippled for life: the tragic result of mercury poisoning at Minamata in Japan people of Hispanic descent in the

ercury vapour may be a health hazard in many Latin American homes where the liquid metal is used to ward off evil spirits, according to Dr Arnold Wendroff of Columbia University, New York, writing in today's Nature magazine.

Although there are as yet no authenticated cases of mercury poisoning as a result of domestic exposure, he says, the accumulation of toxic vapour in some homes may be dangerous. Childrea exposed to constant, small amounts of mercury may develop erethism, a personality disorder. In Britain, the Health and Safety Executive, in an official guidance note to industry,

recommends a maximum concentration of 0.05 milligrams per cubic metre. The executive warns of the extreme toxicity of mercury vapour, which soon accumulates in confined spaces wherever mer-

cury is exposed.

Dr Wendroff's findings come from a journey into the occult underworld of New York, sparked off by a chance remark. While teaching a remedial junior high school class in the uses of metals, Dr Wendroff, who is an authority on east African folk rituals, found that thermometers were not the first answer that sprang to the mind of one student asked about the uses of mercury.

Discussions after class revealed that the student's mother sprinkled droplets of mercury around the house, in accordance with her religious beliefs. She, like many

Henry Gee reports

on Latin American families who risk

poisoning themselves to ward off evil spirits

mystical religion called Santeria a fusion of west African Yoruba magic and Roman Catholicism. Dr Wendroff's self-financed investigations, aided by a Spanishspeaking assistant and a large collection of telephone directories in his local Brooklyn library, led him in to a twilight world of apothecaries, called "botanicas" in Latin America. There are dozens of these small shops in Brooklyn alone, selling medicinal

rituals, books and icons. Mercury (referred to as azoge) is sold in glass vials, gelatin capsules, or in soap for cleaning floors, in quantities as large as 13 grams and for prices as low as 50 cents. Mercury around the house is said to attract the good and repel the bad - botanica owners dispense it freely, and are in no hurry to mop up spills in their own shop.

herbs, patent medicines, incense,

devotional candles for Santeria

Health authorities in the United States are only just beginning to realise that mercury in the home is a health hazard, but its use is so much a part of Santeria folk life, and decontamination is so difficult and expensive, that Dr Wendroff believes that there is little that can be done.

The best course, he says, is education - testing urine samples for the presence of mercury, and explaining the dangers of mercury to those at risk. This, too, might be an uphill struggle.

From his own experience with folk medicine, people remain faithful to folk remedies, even when harmful effects are brought to their notice. While working in Malawi in Africa, Dr Wendroff Americas, followed a little-known found that a popular local remedy for eye complaints was a preparation so caustic that it destroyed the corneas of one in five patients in

some areas. Another problem is that relatively little is known about the effects of long-term, low-level exposure to clemental, metallic mercury. Much more is known about organic mercury compounds, which cause a range of nervous disorders.

Organic mercury compounds exacted a gruesome toll in the fishing village of Minamata in Japan in the Fifties and Sixties, when villagers are mercury-loaded fish contaminated with effluent from a nearby factory. Many babies were deformed at hirth as a result, and relatives are still seeking compensation.

The effects of mercury on its own are more subtle. Chronic industrial exposure may result in a range of nervous complaints. Erethism, the psychiatric side of the coin is manifested as abnormal shyness, loss of confidence, irritability, irrational fear and depression and, in extreme cases, loss of memory and hallucina-

# Designer drugs at bargain prices

panies are hoping to save millions of pounds by using the increased power available from supercomputers to model molecule combina-

performance of drug designs. Until recently, the pharmaceutical and agrochemical industry has been sceptical about the contribution of molecular modelling to drug

Factors changing their thinking are increased com-puting power and developments in physical chemistry theory, in which Professor Graham Richards, of Oxford

PHARMACEUTICAL com- Drug companies hope to save millions by testing new products on computers

such as the Cray and IBM get molecule, it has to push tions on screen and test the facilities available at the Science and Engineering Research Council's Rutherford Professor Richards's tech-Appleton Laboratory, Professor Richards has modelled molecules as they come together and the effects of the thousands of water molecules that surround them.

Every water molecule has a force field of its own, as does every molecule that is of interest to the would-be drug designer. If the prospective University, has played a big drug has what is known as a may cost £2,000. A valid a brilliant organic chemist, part. Using supercompnters, "binding affinity" to the tar- compound must be tested for like a grandmaster chess

water molecules out of the way to successfully bind, nique is attractive because the computer simulates how good a prospective drug is at doing this, allowing drug companies to eliminate about 40 per cent of compounds before expen-

sive tests start. To bring a drug to market, a pharmaceutical company may need to synthesise 10,000 compounds and each

efficiency, a process which can take years and cost £20 million or more. supercomputer

method also comes into its own in simulating how prospective drugs will pass through cell membrane and interact with important body chemicals, again eliminating another element of costly laboratory experimenting.
Will supercomputer drug

modelling pose a threat to the creativity of organic chem-

Professor Richards says: "Even though there are other kinds of computer packages that help in this sort of thing,



Professor Richards: supercomputer for molecule modelling

the computer." However, he does not have to sell his services, because the drug companies have

player, nearly always beats beaten a path to his door. They know this is the best hope of a short cut to success. GERRY WOOLF

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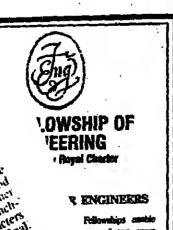
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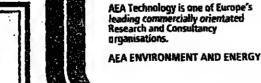
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# **Anxious** tales of love

SHORT STORIES

### **Hugh Barnes**

FRIEND OF MY YOUTH By Alice Monro Charlo & Windus, £13.99 THE SIXTH DAY By Primo Levi Translated by Raymond Michael Joseph, £13.99

ALICE MUNRO knows how to do some things better than almost anyone else. Her stories are intimate, like private jokes or family photographs, but she describes love (or the promise of it, or the memory of it) in unfamiliar ways. Her latest collection begins and

ends with a reckoning. In "Friend of My Youth" a daughter's recollection of her dead mother helps her come to terms with the past. In "Wigtime", a daughter returns to nurse her dying mother. Her hope increases for the dimlyperceived future. The practice of treating the past, and the future, as special cases of the present is widespread in Friend of My Youth. Time travel makes up for a

lack of mobility clsewhere.

The stories refer to events in the Lakeside town of Walley. Ontario. Munro sifts the wreckage of the female population and turns up disappointments, aimless lives, and messy marriages. Her men are monsters of inwardness. The storytelling is less straightforward than her elegant prose makes it appear. The style is alert with anxiety and desire, Through par-allels and overlaps of coincidence. she explores a pattern in the lives of unspectacular women who nurture their dreads in solitude and then, with ferocious intensity, project them onto the world.

If Munro's writing, even at its most quixotic and strange, is grounded in reality. Primo Levi addresses the corollary issue of whether estrangement can any longer be a voided. The glaring fact of Levi's life was his incarceration in Auschwitz, As a writer, turning that experience into literature, be kept his anger in check. Seldom does the reader feel that Levi is on the verge of an outburst.

The stories now translated in The Sixth Day originally appeared during the Sixties. They fall into the science fiction category, although there is nothing artificial about the horrors Levi describes. The approach to experience is as complex as anything to be found in The Periodic Table or The Drowned and the Saved. Shame, according to Levi, was the legacy of survivors. It invades the stricken landscape of The Sixth Day. A feeling of complicity is inescapable. He communicates a sense of pain that cannot be

absorbed, given its place. In "Psychophani" an exclusive dinner party is shocked by the conjuring up of a gadget that reveals the inner image of anybody who holds it. Gadgets take up much of The Sixth Day. A couple of stories, for instance, describe the Mimer, a copier that reproduces in depth. duplicating identity as well as matter. It's a pretty conceit. There is a fear in it. | jar containing a skeleton with a



Playing devil's advocate with aplomb: Piers Paul Read, raking over everything from good and evil to international politics and the needs of women

# Jesus rose: or did He really?

implications be for individual believers, for Christianity as a whole, for world politics? And bow could it be proved that the Resurrection was a lie? Only by the discovery of the buman re-

mains of Jesus of Nazareth. This is what Piers Paul Read's new novel is about. It is a tbeological thriller - just the genre, if genre it be, to suit his tastes and gifts for the macabre, for moral dilemmas, historical settings. In 1988 Michael Dagan, a distinguished Israeli archaeologist, is asked by his son, who works for Israeli Intelligence, to examine something that has been found under the old retaining walls of what was once Herod's Temple in the Muslim quarter of Jerusalem. Bugging devices are being planted in the ancient tunnels to eavesdrop on the leaders of the Palestinian intifada; in the course of opening up the labrinth, they have found an oil-

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ng new challenges.

Victoria Glendinning on a tense theological shroud-ripper: odd body in a tomb; monk hangs himself; pax vobiscum

huge crusty nail through its ankles and scratch-marks, as from thorns, on its skull.

This is creepy enough; but Father Lambert, the leading British archaeologist whom Dagan secretly summons to inspect the skeleton, is a particularly boly and charismatic monk, who after his return to London is discovered dead, hanging from the window of his cell. It is assumed by Andrew, his devoted pupil, that Lambert committed suicide on being faced with the knowledge that his whole life was wasted: for if there was no Resurrection then Jesus was not the Son of God. Suicide is a mortal sin, and the superior of the order connives in a cover-up.

Young Andrew notices that Father Lambert's notebook is missing from his desk. Maybe the monk was murdered? Maybe the find too is a hoax; it is supported by a newly-discovered codex in Vilinius, which makes reference to the belief that the Romans stole

his may be a big week for prizewinners, but it seems a bit thin on good new fiction.

Judith Rossner takes the well-

worn theme of a big studio

producer struggling to cope with a cluster of wives, starlets, and lawyers in Beverly Hills. His Little

ON THE THIRD DAY By Piers Paul Read Secker & Warburg, £13.99

Jesus's body from the tomb and buried it in an oil-jar. But the codex also could be a forgery.

Dramatic incidents, as gripping as the discovery of the skeleton, or of the monk's body hanging from the window, stud the novel at strategic intervals. There is a moment of suspense so acute when someone is about to be assassinated with a poisoned syringe in the church in London's Sobo Square — that your reviewer bad to put the book down and walk around the room before she could turn the page. There is a lot of sex in it too, since Andrew, released from his vow of celibacy by the discovery that Jesus was a mere man, makes ecstatic love to Dagan's daughter Anna. But at the

root this is a discussion-novel.

Priests, cardinals, archaeologists, and Andrew's worldly brother Henry analyse the implications of the still-unpublicised discovery in a series of seminars.

It is not always easy reading, as the scholarly arguments swing back and forth. Pontius Pilate may have hidden the body, and encouraged the idea of the Resurrection, in order to foster a mild and non-aggressive religion that could bring stability to his troubled province. The modern liberal theologians welcome the discovery, since many of them have ceased to believe literally in the Resurrection anyhow. Atheistic. Henry thinks that Christian gentleness stems from "fear of life", and that religious vocations are by definition indications of psychosis. What a relief, if Jesus

was just a good man and not God. But if it is a hoax, who perpetrated it? Who gains from undermining the central tenet of Christianity? Pehaps Gorbachev,

afraid of an upsurge of religion under perestroika. Or maybe the Israelis: they have a propaganda crisis now that the supply of war criminals is running out; and American Jews will not be able to determine American policy for long because of the growing influence of Catholic Hispanics and southern Baptists. Those who know Read's own

religious position will not be amazed by the way the mystery is finally unravelled, though he plays the devil's advocate with aplomb. It is not only questions of faith, and of good and evil, that get raked over here, but patriotism, international politics, marital ethics, the needs of women, the care of children, ambition, corruption the nature of neurosis. Much of this is tendentious, and a lot to cover in 280 pages.

But the only thing that stops On

The Third Day from being altogether brilliant is the writing itself, which is sometimes pedestrian, or turgid, or just slack, as if Read cared so much for what he was saying that he cared too little for how he said it. Nevertheless, it's essential reading.

Devil's Spectacles he describes a

group of people living in that part of the Scottish Highlands where

many livelihoods depend on sum-

mer tourism. When the Loch Ness

Monster turns out to be simply a huge slug that self-destructs when

lifted from the water, it is clear that some other mystery must be

found to keep the tourists coming.

Fortunately, someone stumbles

on deep underground caves,

which only need a little painting

up in the manner of Lascaux, to be passed off as the most important

archaeological find of the century. The intricacies of the deception

fascinate the author. He is shrewd

in his analysis of the vanities both

of archaeologists and of steadfas

believers in unlikely interference from spacemen. Perhaps, in this way, it is more a journalist's

account of patterns of behaviour

than a novelist's account of the

interplay of personalities.

The formula followed in James
Mitchell's A Woman to be Loved

leaves no room for uncertainty. It

is the story of a girl's recovery

from her experiences as an am-

bulance driver in the Great War.

that television serials are made of.

# Heroine sleuth on job CRIME

SALLY SOAME

**Marcel Berlins** 

POSTMORTEM By Patricia Daniels Cornwell Macdonald, £12.95

THE supply of excellent American women crime writers with strong sienth-heroines seems inexhaus ible. Cornwell's character is Dr Kay Scarpetta, chief medical of-ficer of the state of Virginia. There is a series of sadistic killings of young women in their own hedrooms, with nothing to link the victims. Scarpetta's job - her accession to which dismayed local male networks - is on the line if she doesn't produce a result. Her research is tampered with, the suspects include her own about-tobe lover, and the chief cop is a rednecked misogynist. Terrific first novel, full of suspense, in which even the scientific bits grip.

 Kaddish in Dublin, by John Brady (Constable, £12.95). Dubim Garda's Inspector Matt Minogue masking his cultured poetry-lov ing sensitiveness with a bog-Irish facade ("Why ruin a good stereo-type?" he remarks), hunts the executioner of Jewish Supreme Court judge's journalist son. Palestinian motives look most likely, then another death raises the possibility of sinister Catholic involvement, reaching the inner recesses of Irish political life. Brady's best informed, subtle, and intelligent, with Minogue revealing a hitherto unseen depth of soul, humour, and emotion.

· Trial by Fire, by Frances Fyfield sex commuter village hosts plethora of lurking evil, culminating in ora of lurking evil culminating in the finding of a woman's body in the woods, viciously bludgeoned and stabbed. Superimendent Bailey leads the enquiries; his unlikely cobabitee; Crown Prosecutor Helen West, disbelieving the obvious evidence, becomes a reluctant snooper, putting their relationship, and herself, at risk. The cast, exceptionally well drawn, includes a simple-minded sexually advanced, thief, a sexually advanced thief, a manipulative, precocious schoolgirl, and a randy English teacher. Many chilling moments lead to superb, unexpected climax.

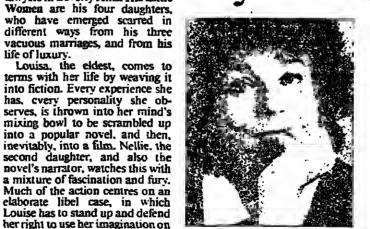
• The Becket Factor, by Michael David Anthony (Collins, £11.95), The Becker is Thomas, and a newly unearthed coffin might contain his remains - which could awaken religious controversy, just when a new Archbishop of Canterbury is about to be chosen. An elderly Canon dies in suspicious circs, and Richard Harrison, formerly of British Intelligence, now diocesan (dilapidations, officer) finds himself in the centre of devious, murky church politics. Splendid mix of the ecclesiastical. homicidal, political, and espionage: impressive first novel.

Mayhem in Parva, by Nancy Livingston (Gollanc:, £12.95). Mr Pringle, tax inspector (retired). visits his roots at Wuffinge Parva. A runaway hearse bashes into his car, he stumbles on village worthy Doris, bumped off and wearing a woollen hat with an Aztec pattern belonging to village nuisance Miranda. The body vanishes. Among many other ingredients: suspicious Saxon wall paintings. mysterious Swedish honeymooners, and a "frogs have rights" campaign. Livingston's characters inhabit a uniquely surreal, lunatic world of criminality. Her oddball humour is not to everyone's taste. But on form, no one can pack so many laugh-outlouds into one book.

● Veugeance: by Max Marquis (Macmillan, £11.95). Axe in OC's head crossbow in courier, police-man ginned down: Inspector Harry Timberlake seeks hidden links between apparently random events, tries to prevent continuation of sequence, while coping with ambivalent emotions over competing love affairs. Formula well-handled, climax paced

• The Dead Do Not Praise # Pauline Bell (Macmillan, 1/16) Comfortably old-fashioned fist-timer asking traditional whosell question: who did for the unpub-lar headmistress in her stud. He apparently spinsterish victin had sexy underwear, there's an asortment of variously motivated suspects, and sound school: atmosphere of the comprehensi rather than public kind Lious debut, but Bell must contain her penchant for caricalule Frenchmen, and working-class characters who drop initial airches and final

# Stardust gets in your face-lift



Judith Rossner in Wonderland

mixes self-indulgence with strength. The action takes place in Edinburgh, where Albanna, a chieftainess and Ancient Briton, suddenly appears from the realms of the dead to visit the last few years of the 20th century. All is not well in the British Isles. A highly repressive female prime minister is busy, like a bossy nanny, firming up her framework of social control. The gap between those who conform and those who do HIS LITTLE WOMEN By Judith Rossner Sinclair-Stevenson, £13.95 **OUEENDOM COME** By Ellen Galford Virago, £4.99 THE DEVIL'S **SPECTACLES** By David Alexander Alison & Busby, £12.99 A WOMAN TO BE

LOVED

**Anne Barnes** 

not is being forcibly widened by the stream of penalties which pour down on the poor, the homeless, the rebellious or sexually deviant. Albanna's arrival "to save her people" provides some comic ironies mixed with farce of the school dorm variety. Half the ingenuity, and more time to relish it, might have made the message

David Alexander works out a

By James Mitchell and the sadness of her adjustment to an empty life afterwards, However, she is beautiful, shim, intelligent and caring, so she escapes from her narrow-minded mother, seizes her independence, does good in the world, and becomes a celebrity. It may be the stuff dreams are made of. It is the stuff

different sort of fantasy. In The

AT THE Booker dinner Sir Denis

would arrive tomorrow. Foreign rights have been widely sold, and next week sees the launch of the American edition, and a nice New York Times review.

Meanwhile that same Wednesday morning. Hatchards might have pondered whether Chatto weren't a little premature in their orders. John McGahern's Amengst Women and Beryl Bainbridge's An Anfully Big Adventure were selling better than the winning novel. Terry Maher. chairman of Pentos, was more

confident about Possession's prospects: "In the next few weeks Dillons will sell all of their 2.000-3,000 stock." Most of the public, in fact, will be waiting for the paperback, which is scheduled for publication early next year. "Winning the Booker means a dramatic increase in the print run," said Frances Coady from Vintage, the paperback imprint. "It would have been 70,000, now we're looking at 150,000, And of course we're absolutely thrilled for the

"I'm very fond of Possession. said the author. "But I feel a long way away from it, as the book went to the publishers a year and a half ago. Now I have a terrible need to make things go back to normal." As for winning the Booker, she was perhaps most delighted to receive a telephone call from Iris Murdoch who "so hates the phone". And Wednesday afternoon Antonia Byatt still hadn't got around to putting the £20,000 cheque in the bank. Money just wasn't on her mind.

# After Booker hype, wheels of Mammon

### Nicola Murphy

the raw stuff of other people's

lives. This becomes the focus of

Nellie's reflections on the relation of fiction to reality. Although this

discussion has to keep leapfrog-

ging over accounts of film star

behaviour and face-lifts, Nellie's

thoughts are complex and strong

chough not to be swamped by the cautionary tale of Hollywood.

Ellen Galford's tale, also cautionary, is couched in franker

terms. The title. Queendom Come,

may seem coy, but this is a

feminist fantasy which carelessly

Forman, the chairman of the judges, sent out a prayer to "the only effective deity working in the world of Thatcher", "Please, oh Mammon," he begged, "make market forces work to the benefit of the novel." By yesterday morning Mammon wheels were already in motion at A. S. Byatt's publisher. Chatto & Windus, to ensure that, in addition to the original run of 29,000 copies, 50,000 reprints book itself."

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### French Weave

THE French have walked off with the 1990 European Museum of the Year Award, It goes to the Ecomuseum in Fourmies, an old textile manufacturing town near the Luxembourg border. The Ecomuseum, which has one of the largest collections of working textile machinery in the world wins a cash prize and a small Henry Moore scaipture. Muscums which have just opened. or have been reorganised within the last two years, were eligible. Of seven considered "outstanding" among the 34 candidates this year, two were British: the National Waterways Museum, Gloucester, and the National Museum of Photography, Film and Tele-vision in Bradford.

Not a prayer

THESE are tough days for the top Asian-music promoter, Jay Visva-Dev. First he heard hat Greater London Arts was not giving him a grant for his furrent season of Indian sical concerts, including uch leading musicians as mrat Khan and Ali Akbar han. Later on the same day is main sponsor - the listigs magazine City Limits ent into receivership. Now is engaged in a theological spute with the Central Hall. stminster, regarding a con-by the Pakistani devotack I singer Nusrat Fatch Ali Apparently, the promosacred music is pro-

### Chair leader

bill unless the devotion is

Adressed to the correct deity.

MORE news seeps out of Oxford about the imminent ppointment of Ian McKellen the next visiting professor drama. The playwright thur Miller was apparently So under consideration for e year-long appointment. Sanced by the impresario dimeron Mackintosh. But as Wohen Sondheim was the that professor, it was felt that

V second should be British. McKellen and the playchight Willy Russell were the tolgenders. McKellen, of all ise, is a Cambridge man.



Ian McKellen: Oxford bound

Last chance. The Edwardians and After offers a rare opportunity to see a selection of some of the finest sculptures and paintings assembled from the Royal Academy's own collection spanning the period 1900 to 1940 (and selected by Royal Academiciao Lawrence Gowing). Much of the work, submitted by Academy members to represent the way in which they wished to be seen by posterity, will be put back into storage when the exhibition closes on Sunday (071-439 7438).

5 F An. Hai **CINEMA: NEW RELEASES** 

# Too much like hard work

Geoff Brown on Bird on a Wire, The

Little Mermaid. The Match Factory

Girl and a Japanese season including The Enchantment.

David Robinson on Silent Scream and Salute of the Jugger

rying to entertain an back-breaking work. In Bird on a Wire (Plaza, 12), the filmmakers hurl male pin-up Mel Gibson and the perennially cute Goldie Hawn through a barrage of death-defying chases, aerial jaunts, and explosions. At the end, Gibson and the baddies battle for survival in a well-stocked zoo, dodging bullets and the malevolent intentions of six tigers, four alligators, a shoal of piranhas, and one baboon. Around 200 artists and technicians slaved behind the screen, headed by the director ens, this smart corporate John Badham; 17 stuntmen lawyer screams "Oh my risked their lives to thrill us. God!".

All this plus 25 parrots. Yet their mountain of effort has only produced one of the worst cinematic molehills for some time. Even action extravaganzas need a decent story; Bird on a Wire offers just the skeleton of a varn about a protected court witness (Gibson) on the run from the drug dealer he helped put behind bars. To make matters chintzier, his college girl-friend -now a hot-shot New York lawyer - crosses his path at a Detroit petrol station at the exact moment when the avenging villain finds his prey. The old acquaintances begin their nightmare ride as sparring partners; they end, of course, with flames rekindled.

The film equally fails as a star vehicle. Gibson displays his usual attributes - blue eyes, gravel voice, a manly chest - but cannot put flesh oo his anorexic character.



Hurled through a barrage: Mel Gibson and Goldie Hawn in Bird on a Wire

well, but wastes her energies on a demeaning role: when-ever physical calamity threat-

Noise plays an important part throughout: squealing tyres, raging animals, thumping music. But the ultimate noise is of a hollow, top-heavy Hollywood concoction crashing ignobly to the ground.

A feature-length cartoon re-

quires even more labour than any live-action frolic. The Little Mermaid (Warner West End, Odeon Marble Arch, U) employed nearly 600 people, beavering away for three years to turn Hans Christian Andersen's tale into a Disney film fit to stand alongside Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty. There has not been a new Disney fairy-tale for 30

Employees spent a good deal of time looking over their shoulders at the past. Ariel the mermaid boasts the familiar large, cute eyes; another Disney trademark, trails of twin-Goldie Hawn wears the years kling dust, has been simply fraction of Disney's work-

replaced by twinkling bubbles, dancing round the underwater creatures. The tale's Prince Charming - Prince Eric, in fact - is as bland as his forebears; while the seawitch, Ursula, seems a compendium of villainesses, particularly Maleficent from Sleeping

Yet this is no archaic revival. The directors, John Musker and Ron Clements, maintain a nervous pace geared to the short attention span of today's young viewers; while the Oscar-winning score by Alan Menken dribbles fashionably over the ears. Only the Caribbean-flavoured number "Under the Sea" has the force of character to seep inside one's memory. The Little Mermaid is bright and busy enough to keep children amused; but sterner adults may find the old fairy-tale magic squeezed out by the film's synthetic mixture of

Perhaps the week's most striking film, The Match Factory Girl (Electric Portobello Road, 15), was made with a

force. The same man - Aki Kaurismāki - wrote, directed, and edited, stamping his unique perspective oo life over every frame. The Finnish wonderboy's last creation, Leningrad Cowboys Go America, was a silly indulgence; this film, by contrast, lodges in the mind with a bullet's force.

is beroine is a match factory drudge, trod upon both at work and home, where she lives - mostly in silence with her mother and stepfather. A night out means a dejected dance hall, the Launderette, or a bad Marx Brothers movie (she cries). She believes she has found her own Prince Charming, but the man abuses her like everybody else. The worm finally turns, and buys rat poison.

Kaurismāki's declared aim was to make a film bleak and cryptic enough to make the austere French director Robert Bressoo seem positively profligate. He succeeds. though not at the expense of

humour pokes through many of the domestic scenes Kati Outinen's plaintive looks irradiate a character who could easily seem a dull, dreadful doormat.

This is far more than an exercise in style: Kaurismāki digs away at his critique of Finnish society, while his characters are caught in their usual desperate dance of thwarted desires, betrayal and death. The Match Factory Girl is a bracing experience.

The Enchantment opens three-week season at the ICA devoted to "Young Japanese Cinema". In plot terms, Shunichi Nagasaki's film is actually on the old side Forties Hollywood knew all about split personalities, susceptible psychiatrists and dotne secretaries.

Lesbian relationships provide a new ingredient, though Nagasaki's dawdling manner and low-budget Tokyo settings never engender the hot-house atmosphere the characters' actions invite.

**GEOFF BROWN** 

# Hill climbing

A new American recruit strengthens the lineup of principal dancers for the Royal Ballet, as Debra Craine reports

allet directors dream about a tall, dark and handsome male dancer with long, elegant limbs, an aristocratic bearing and a polished technique. Anthony Dowell has just found one.

Today the Royal Ballet director will announce the signing, effective January 1, of American Robert Hill as a principal artist, an obvious successor to Jonathan Cope who retired last season as the company's leading male dancer. Hill's signing follows this summer's coup - the luring of Irek Mukhamedov from the Bolshoi - and gives Dowell two contrasting performers who, between them, could embrace all aspects of the repertoire.

The announcement will probably provoke the kind of xenophobic sentiment that questions the need to bring yet more foreigners into Britain's biggest ballet company. Some of the company's own male dancers will undoubtedly feel further frustrated as they watch their already limited opportunities for performance diminish with every passing guest artist. But this latest hiring will provide Dowell with what he desperately needs a reliable partner with enough presence and stature to complement the company's

Whereas Mukhamedov has the fiery grandeur of an extro-werted Russian on stage, Hill is ballet's equivalent of the Hollywood leading man cophisticated and romantic. The American's style, with its attention to detail and line, is compatible with the Royal's own, while his warm and spontaneous dramatic approach is refreshing. But he has yet to prove if he can match Mukhamedov's thrilling athletic magnetism.

At six-foot-one, with a strong lean build, the 29-yearold Hill was born to be a ballet prince, albeit a reluctant ooe. Because of my physique, yes I am a prince, but that's not me inside. I have a lot more passion than these two-dimensional characters who doo't give me enough range of expression. Physically they are oot as rewarding as something more contemporary."

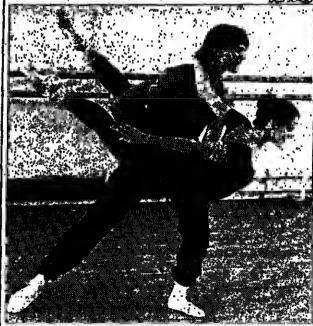
And the fact that being a prince is his stock in trade 00 the international guest artist circuit? "It is ironic, but business is business and you have to do certain things to enable you to do what you want." With the Royal he will continue to dance the traditional repertoire but wants to work with choreographers oo cootemporary ballets which are "a lot more off balance, oot so rigid as the

classical vocabulary." Hill, a high school gymnast. started bailet training at the late age of 17 in Florida, where he grew np. Remarkably, only four years later, Mikhail Baryshnikov invited him to join American Ballet Theatre. He stayed six years, then, unhappy with what he saw as a negative atmosphere under Baryshnikov's directorship. left ABT for a brief stint with New York City Ballet before launching himself in 1988 as a guest artist.

"Every company needs a tall male dancer," he says, dismissing his own success on the circuit as "being tall is 99 per cent of it, talent is one per cent." Despite joining the Royal on a permanent basis next year, Hill bopes his career as an occasional visiting artist with other companies will continue. "There's a lot of work out there but a lot of it is not really interesting. A lot like Sleeping Beauty and Swan Lake - is forklifting and !

decided to be more selective." Tomorrow night he will partner rising star Darcey Bussell in the season's opener, Prince of the Pagodas. Next year his partners will include Sylvie Guillem and Altynai Asylmuratova. "It's very exciting for me to be in the Royal. This is a very reputable company and it says a lot in this business to be part of it."

His American expansiveness will set him apart from his colleagues, who tend to be more economical with their body language. "The British doo't use the stage in the same way, they tend to cut underneath themselves. I know I move, I cover space. I hope with my dancing people will see that thiogs can be done differently and still



Darcey Bussell partnered by Robert Hill in rehearsal

# Compelling portrait of a tragic prisoner

car's Edinburgh Film Festival. Silent Scream (15, Metro 1), is an ambitious first film by the stage director and actor, David Hayman, Coproduced by Channel 4, the British Film Institute and the gence of an authentic Scottish

school of film making.
The script is by Bill Beech, who met the protagonist of this real-life story when workinmates of the special prison unit at Barlinnie. Larry Winters had shown signs of mental instability and violent ten-dencies as a child. The Parachute Regiment did not help; and at 21 he was sentenced to life for murdering a barman.

Best British Film at ment in alternative, demo- add further complications. cratic treatment of prisoners - he veered between depressioo and extreme aggression. Massive doses of prescribed sedatives, along with illicit drugs, led to addiction and death from overdose, Scottish Film Production at 34. In prison Winters Fund, it confirms the emer- produced a remarkable series of self-analytical poems and stories; and Bill Beech actually discussed with him the possibility of a film biography.

Larry's story and personing, as an art student, with the ality are explored in the random impressions of his final drug delirium. The plan is confused, though, by framing it within the story of his mother's last visit to the prison on the day of his death. Recurrent scenes in the prison video control room, and a

Tinner of the Michael Both in Inverness Prison device of having Larry's fanta- articulate, alternately gentle In a devastated future, the Powell Award for and Barlinnie — an experi- sies invade the monitors there, and vicious, bewildered by his only distraction amidst the

The memories pass freely back and forth between childhood in Glasgow and rural Carbisdale, school, holiday outings, the army, 13 years of prison experiences, a memorable day's return home oo parole. Often we rely on the state of Larry's ever-changing hair and beard to indicate time and place. There are additional interpolations of animated drawings, originally made by Bill Beech to illus trate Larry's poems.

Continuity is provided by lain Glen's compelling performance. Even if the fragmentary form of the script never allows him or the viewer to penetrate far into Winters' personality, he is a fascinating tragic figure - attractive,

own violence.

this kind of real-life story to provide a modicum of information. Here information often seems sacrificed to selfconscious artistry, frustrating what we would like or need to know about the character. We learn little about the physical circumstances of the child-hood, or of the relationships, even with his mother, of this remote and enigmatic figure. The Salute of the Jagger

(18, Cannon Panton Street, Scala King's Cross, ICA Cinema) is even more enigmatic. Filmed in Australia, this minimalist future-fantasy was directed and scripted by David Peoples. writer (or re-writer) of Leviathan, Lady hawke, Predator and Blude Runner,

desperate struggle for survival is The Game, a form of combat whose rules are elusive except that the prize is a dog's skull. The film follows the fortunes and ultimate victory of one of the wandering teams of "Juggers" who compete in the League. The team stars are Rutger Hauer and oew recruit Joan Chen (from The Last Emperor).

The dialogue is impenetrably cryptic, and thrown away in asides. At least, however, the story seems to have no metaphoric pretensions, unless in respect of David Peoples's reported ambition, "I've always wanted to write a pro-football story."

DAVID ROBINSON

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### **REVIEWS**

# Vegas razzle of rock chick

ROCK

Cher Wembley Arena

BUT for the fact that she cannot dance. Cher is the Fante myth made flesh. In her time, she has been a star of Broadway (in Come Back to the Five and Dune, Jimmy Dean, Jining Dean), of Hollywood (winning an Oscar for her performance in Moonstrack) and of American television (as host of her own comedy show). At Wembley we were reminded of all of this by a lively holch-potch of archive film footage which was screened at strategic moments

throughout the performance. We saw her as the doe-eved hippie songbird canoodling her way through "I Got You Babe" with her former husband Sonny Bono: as a garish Vegas-style creature in a variety of flamboyant head-dresses: accepting awards in a variety of ever-dwindling costumes; and tearing a strip off Jack Nicholson in The Witches of

Eastwick. There was little evidence of her presence on a rock stage since the mid-Seventies, however, and the look, sound and feel of the performance that followed betrayed a stylistic and musical aesthetic frozen in the era of American glam-rock kitsch, a sort of Rocks Horror Show meets the

Tubes, but for real. Cher came across as a thoroughly likeable personality in

ROCK

**Barry White** 

Wembley Arena

A OUARTER of the premises was

curtained off for Barry White's one-night stand at Wembley

Arena, But as the show lumbered

on, it became evident that the

stage's draped backdrop had been

installed for an unexpected rea-

son: to provide hanging space for a

vast quantity of black hand-

kerchief. It was, in short, part of

White was wise enough to know

National Review of

Live Art

Third Eye, Glasgow

THE National Review of Live Art

is a recent addition to the Glasgow

cultural calendar, but is now

established as one of the year's

most invigorating "performance

art" events. In the past it has originated such notable produc-

tions as DV8's Dead Dreams of

Monochrome Men. There was no

such overpowering experience this

vear, but the event's tenth

anniversary did give participants a

chance to reflect on a decade of

work. Sadly, the problem of how

to fund an area that does not

readily recommend itself to Brit-

ain's arts sponsors, is becoming

from the crossover between the-

atre, video and the visual arts.

Pure theatre, though of a strongly

visual kind, was provided by a

collaboration between Pete

Brooks and Claire MacDonald.

the founders of Impact. Their new

work. The Fall of Lucas Fortune.

set in a damp shack in a damp

town in the middle of nowhere.

looks marvellous, but relies too

much on a rambling narrative of

small town recrimination over the

Each day had a rich mix of

reprospective talks by the likes of

Rose English and that artist of the

reatable, Bobby Baker, platform

work by students and recent

graduates, and new work pre-

sented by established companies.

The tone of reflection rather than

celebration was set early on by

Geraldine Pilgrim, when she la-

mented the arrogance of her

generation of performers in believing that the transience of

live art demanded that no record

Another theme was the im-

portance of memories. In this

vein. Dogs In Honey presented

Architecture for Babies, played on

death of a stranger.

The work on shaw came mostly

FESTIVAL

White's wardrobe.

she flaunts a stunning figure but, like her costumes, her music leaves little to the imagination. Adult rock numbers such as "We All Sleep Alone" and "I Found Someone" have been customdesigned by experts to provide a comfortable ride, with occasional bursts of smooth acceleration.

Other selections, including a relatively restrained version of Bruce Springsteen's "Tougher Than the Rest", The Eagles' "Take it to the Limit" and Jimmy Chff's "Many Rivers to Cross", were fine as fillers, but seemed incidental to the cavorting of the seven dancers and Cher's increasingly bizarre sartorial displays.

need of some firm advice. At 44

Never less than upfront in that department, she kept one foot in the Tina Turner rock chick camp - ripped jeans and filted spangled jacket - and the other in the land of Vegas razzle-dazzle.

The nadir came quite early on with a preposterous heavy rock version of her old hit "Bang Bang (My Baby Shot me Down)". The dancers, dressed at this point like extras from some voyeuristic version of The Flintstones. milled around the stage while Cher strolled back and forth dressed in a short leather jacket, thigh-high boots and one or two tiny strips of strategically placed material, another miracle of hosiery engineering from her designer Bob Mackie.

During "After All", she came into the spotlight wearing a Snow Queen outfit, a full-length, white fur-trimmed, sequinned gown and crown ensemble - an absurd

that, in the accepted soul singer's

tradition. he was liable to sweat

under the baking stage lights, and

came prepared with enough ma-

terial to mop dry his brow from

initial entrance to final exit.

However, he was not wise enough

to wear a sensibly ventilated suit.

changing from a gilt to a black spangly outfit, topped with an

ankle-length mandarin-lined cape.

None of them looked very roomy,

shimmering variety to his music

as he does to his wardrobe, this

would have been a well-rounded

show. As it was, the joke on which

White's status as an icon is

based - that he is a big man with

a set of glaring yellow PVC sofas.

This mixed a brash chat-show

formula with some solemn mo-

ments - the performers express-

ing fears for their unborn children.

Five days of concentrated work.

The Review also gives an

incipient slavery of live art to

technology, and of the pre-emi-

nence of women in this field. Old

hands such as Geraldine Pilgrim

and Rose English have been

joined by a new generation which

is using the freedom of perfor-

mance to subvert even the perfor-

mance art tradition. This is done

most withly in Lisa Wall's

Breadmaking, in which the 19h0s

art technique of transferring the

imprint of naked women - who

have rolled in paint - onto canvases, is parodied by a house-

wife kneading dough with her fully-clothed body and transfer-

The National Review attracted

packed houses, but it was notice-

able how few practitioners from the text-bound mainstream of

British theatre were present. They

should not stay away: the impact

might enrich and enlarge their

ring the result onto paper.

own work.

If Barry White brought as much



Cher: likeable personality, but in need of some firm advice distraction to what little musical but was unable to inject any

excitement was on offer. Her band, which included her son Elijah Allman on rhythm guitar, turned in a capable sessionplayer standard of performance.

resonance into an energetic and colourful display of misplaced and outdated sbowmanship.

### DAVID SINCLAIR

big sex appeal - lost weight as his collection of mushy 1970s disco touched bass when he first opened his mouth and stayed there. Any amount of liveliness from hits, and mushier recent re-hashes of them, squelched by. The similarity of "What am I Gonna the 25-piece Love Unlimited Or-Do with You" and "Never, Never Gonna Give You Up" dictates that White be consumed in small doses; this was not an option,

bowever, onstage. Perhaps it did not matter that his body-linguistic repertoire included only one energetic gesture: the wobbling of his fingers to gee the audience into a frenzy (with limited results). But it did matter was that there was no appreciable wobble, or mobility of any kind in his unnaturally deep voice, which

chestra could not undo the impression that being musically seduced by the owner of this voice would be only marginally preferable to being wined, dined and taken advantage of by a heavily sedated ocean-going mammal. As if artificially weighed down with ballast, his voice occupied a region beyond the reception range of ordinary ears, where a scale sounds like a single sustained

JASPER REES

### TELEVISION : **Nixon: The Quest** for Power ITV

taking place in every available space of the Third Eye Centre. inevitably meant that much was THE Tricky Dicky show, a threemissed. However, the pieces hour, three-week series of Thames which will stay in the mentory ITV documentaries about the rise include Fiona Wright's intense and heartfelt Bride Kicks, with a and fall of Richard Nixon started strongly last night with "The Quest for Power". This opened screaming inner-self projected onto her white wedding dress: with Nixon's characteristically Nancy Reilly's tautly written and mawkish tribute to his parents on wittly delivered gangsterish story the morning of his resignation which chilled and amused simulfrom the presidency in 1974, and taneously; Ian Hinchliffe, the Les then flashed back to the very Dawson of performance artists. beginning of his career to show that nothing, as usual, was quite enraging an audience with sexist iibes: Ralf. Ralf's extremely long what it seemed. but engaging dance piece. Dinner. and Forced Entertainment's Some

On its opening evidence, the series is going to be more distant Confusions on the Law about than its predecessors, taking its cue Lore, interminable but worth from the historian, Roger Morris, sitting through for the final melwho noted that Nixon was the ancholic poetic exchange between American model gone wrong, suggesting perhaps a Model-T Ford a pseudo Elvis Presley and two with a missing bumper. Except, of course, that the While House overwhelming impression of the already had one of those lined up to succeed bim as president.

Denis Healey talked of "the most creative of presidents", and was presumably not referring to the evidence Nixon created to discredit such early liberal opponents as Jerry Voorhis and Helen Douglas, who found their careers destroyed by Nixon campaigns.

Ironically Nixon himself was almost destroyed by the very machinery that first helped him to power. Just as television saved him in 1952 at the time of the nauseatingly sentimental Checkers speech. it defeated him eight years later when Kennedy came up with the better suntan. And just as the early Nixon victories were surrounded by suggestions of vote-rigging, so his 1960 defeat was very possibly caused by Lyndon Johnson's Texas machinery and the sinister question of how many people in that state did

actually vote for JFK. Although there is no Greek ALASDAIR CAMERON | tragedy here, there is, at the very least, the death of a salesman, If Nixon is anyone in drama, he is Arthur Miller's Willy Loman, forever out there riding on a smile and a shoeshine while watching the wbole of his private life and public career courn before him.

Phillip Whitehead's adaptation of this originally American series came up with some long-buried treasure, not least the news that John F. Kennedy had actually sent a \$1,000 cheque to support Nixon in his persecution of Helen Douglas, thereby calling into question the future president's supposedly liberal credentials.

But one of Nixon's greatest enemies was the man who apparenuy rescued aim from oblivion by allowing him to remain on the ticket in 1952 and 1956. As an ex-soldier, Eisenbower could not disguise his disdain for the professional politician who had achieved nothing in his life but politics. Ike's distaste for Nixon shone through every shared campaign, during the last of which, when asked whether his vice-president had ever come up with an original idea. Eisenhower said he would need at least

a week to think about it. Eisenbower characterised the American scorn of Nixon which made people unwilling to get the gloves off and fight with him. Until, in 1960, it is arguable that he came up not only against Kennedy but also and much more significantly against Lyndon Johnson, another boy from the backwoods prepared to fight dirty. Just as the virtuous Eisenhower hired Nixon to do the deeds he could not bring himself to descend towards, so Kennedy would send in Johnson for the kill and in 1960 is was Nixon who got killed. By 1962 he was telling the press, which had effectively defeated his bid for Governor, that they wouldn't have him to kick around any more; but by 1963 be was back on television in the next of bis Arthur Miller roles - though that, I hope, is the story for next week.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

### **NEW RELEASES** CINEMA GUIDE

◆ COMMUNION (15): Christocher Waten in a commanding star turn as writer Whitey Streber besaged by extra-terrestrial expenences. The steins look sity, but Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated ith the symbol 4) on release the lam paints a wind portrait of a marriage tom by impenetrable forces. Director, Philippe across the country.

Prence Charles (071-437 8181). womanising cat salesman taken hostage by a stor-wined, cuckoided nostand (firm Rodona) Director, Roger Donesoson Odeon Leigester Square (071-930 6111) ♦ FIEART CONDITION (15) Bob Hosturs

Vestington) Bouncy ack(r)-cored lantacy tracolings from a new winter delector James L. Particip Goeon Heymarket (1771-839 7697) ◆ CRIMES AND MISCEMEANORS [15]: from Alten and Alam Alda. THE MUSIC TEACHER (U) Belgien tale from Atlen and Atlan Arda. Carndee Perkweity (071-287 7034) Cannoen Panson Street (071-930 0631) Odeoner Kensengton (071-935 6644/5) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) of a retried opers single (José van Dem) training two new appropriets for a competition Prettily mounted but weans genteel Director Gerard Corpeu. Baroican (071-638 8891)...

ROBOCOP 2 (18), Nanéstic, stambang sequel to the 1987 etnic about a cop reconstituted as an indestruction robot

(Heter Weater) Appealing to special errocus farms Director from Kershner Cammon Chelsea (171 352 5096) Odeoms: Kansangton (171 362 56-A/5) Martine Arch (171-723 2011) Swies Coltage (171 722 5905) West Eng (171-930 5252/7615) Whiteleya (171-792 3903/3324).

AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE (15): Jane Campion e excellent film about the New Zeasend winer Jenel Frappe, originally a TV min-sense but thirtipy creations at the way Metro (071-437 0757) Renox (071-837 8402).

ANOTHER 48 HOURS (18): Eddie

Aurony and Nick Notte swaggening and, roward through the tamear plot about a

Lazy, noisy and rude director. Watte Hill, Cannon Fulliem Road (0/1-370 2636)

L'ATALANTE (PG) Jean Vigo's entrating French classic from 1934 — a lyncal, cuest-surreal tate of newtyweds on a

barge manyellously restored. Premiere (071-439 4470) Flemoir (071-837 8402).

BAD INFLUENCE (18): Psychological thriles channing the tortunes of a young professional (James Spacer) betverided by a psychopath (Rob Lowe). Sleak and

CADILLAC MAN (15) Remshackle, noisy venicle for Robin Williams — a.

THE BOYS NEXT DOOR: Tom

oy a psycropen i ledo Lowe). Sees and suspensetu unhi undue wilness sets in Cannons Cheises (071-362 5096) Haymartes (071-828 1527) Odeonis: Kenangon (071-628 6644/51 Mezzenine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

Grifin's patronaing view of the mentally handcapped to American Festival Thearre excellent acong redeems the hone. Hempstead Swiss Cortage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301) underground Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 4pm, Running time 2ms.

I BREL: The charsons of Jacques Brel-tosa their Galic edge in this uneven show, though the words and music are always good to hear. Theetre Musicum, Russell Street, WC2 [071-836-2330] Tues-Sat Bum, mals Thurs, Son 3pm, Sat Spm Underground Covent Garden Purnang time: The 45mms. Phos of locket includes entry to gatteres.

CYRANO DE BERGERAC; Edward

touch ordinary. Greenwich Theathe Croom's Hill, SE10 (81-956 7755) British Rail Greenwich Mon-Set, 7-45cm, mats Set, 2-30pm. Flunning time 3hrs.

☐ THE FACTORY GIRLS: Donegal girls on strike in Frank McGurness revival; authentic bickering but leeble ending. Tricycle 289 kilburn High Road NWG

(071-328 1000) Underground Kilburn Mon-Sat, Born, mai Sat, 4pm Running hine 2hrs.

☐ FENCES: Yaphet Kotio plays the embritisms baseball ster in the latest of August Wisson's cage or prays about the

mistoriumes of black America. Garrick, Channg Cross Road, WC2 (071-

379 6107) Unperground Leicester Solere. Mon-Fr. 7 45om Set Born mets Tues, Sprit and Set, 4pm Running time Shrs.

GASPING: John Gordon Sinctair and

Theatre Royal, Hermankel SW1 (071-930 8800) Underground Proceedly Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sal 8.30pm mats Fri and Sal, 5pm, Running time 2hrs 30mms,

☐ HAVING A BALL: Alan Bleasdale's

Technical Manager Commy
Cornedy Panton Street, SW1 (071-987
1045) Underground Piccardilly Cross. Mc
Bpm Sel 8 30pm, mets Thors, 3pm and
Sal, 5,30pm Pluming time: Zhrs.

EL HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Felicity Kendal

Peter Bartworth in Smon Gray's thought-provoking play about temly betrayels. Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987).

5pm Running time: 25rs 15mms.

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Underground Charing Cross, Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sal, 8.30pm, mars Wed, 3pm and Sal,

oid-style but shot and rapid bombardment of lokes from Ken Doud London Pattedium Angyli Street, W1 (071-437 7373) underground Oxford Circus, Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mean wer, Sat, 2 30pm.

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mp of lanylates grames then Gramms in the lirst rigit, turns 905hy thereafter Phopinis Theatare Charing Cross Road wc2 (071 240 956h) underground. Tottenher Court Road Non-Sail, 7 30pm, mats Thurs and Sail, 2 30pm. Running unte. 2 hrs 50mms.

ATTILA: Edward Downes' conducting of

ATTILA: Edward Downes' conducting of verd's powerful opers produced to the first time for the Royal Opers by Elight Moshnosty, as full of mosecal muscle and packs in rousing numbers one after the other. Josephine Burstow pays the evenging heroine Opera House, Covert Gerden, London WCZ (071-240 1066/1911).

THE MAGIC FLUTE: James Hotines takes over from Anchew Greenwood to conduct the final ser performances of Nictrolasi Hytner's production. Tongitt is the last opportunity to

TMAGES OF THE LONDON BLITZ: A selection of photographs taken during the

um, St Martin's Lane, WC2

Plaza (071-497 9998) Wh

CURRENT

♦ DICK TRACY (PG): The blockbuster of NIKITA (18): Geandiase, empty thinler from French wonderboy Luc Besson about o punk drug fiend (Anne Parliaud) recruifed the year — dezzing to look al. though dre star Warren Beatly does little to breatne punk and sens the parent parent per punk and punk as a searce again with a boses to fall. With Jess-Hughes Anglada. Cannon Oxford Sweet (071-333 (3310); Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Gate (071-727 404), Lumere (071-36) (66)1] Screen on the 148 (071-436 3366).

♦ DIE HARD2 — DIE HARDER (15): Action-pacies but rejentiestry sity sequel to an already applied organic, with Bruce Wide's 600 Dying to wrest Washington airport I ricci another crop of terrorests. Gason Megathmas (071-930 2111) Plaza. (071-997 9999).

 GHOST (12) Jeny Zucker's subernations shaller: with Patrick Swayze as the ghost of a mulgage is within desperate to comact his endangered patrieria (Demi Mone) Boarts, incoherent, but absorbing what is term. white it tasts: Camben Parkway (07) 267 7034( Cambons: Baker Street (07) 935 9772)

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HARDWARE (16): Thunderously - outsings in British access-botton timber from a new director, Flighting Stanley, set among the runs of a nuclear hiddensist. Low on me runs of a rucear noticeast. Cow on budget high on verve, in-poless and dheeld with Dutarr McDermott, Stadey Traves. Cannonis: Criensea (071-322 5096) Haymanter (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-638 U310) Shaffeetbury Avenue (071-638 8881) Odeon Kensington (071-602 6544/5).

& 1LOVE YOU TO DEATH (15): Student: Traces con 10 DEATH (15) SINGER before object content from director Lawrence-Kasden: weeting a remarkable cast. With Tracey Ultrash as the cucknotice wife struggling to marder her hasbane (kevin Klare). Odeons: Mezzamine (171-50) 2111; Swiss Cottage (171-722-5905) Whiteleys (171-722-7905) Whiteleys (171-722-7905)

LONIGITIME COMPANION (15): Norman Renes accidence drama tolowing the fortunes of gay Americans throughout the Eiginass Despite the amouth packaging, the pain still

### THEATRE GUIDE-

Jeremy Kingston'a assessment of current theatre in London. House full, returns only Some seats available

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL:

88 the key-born accor with a blesong identity problem. Old Vic. Waterloo Road, SE1 (077)-928, 7618) Underground/SEI, Waterloo Iwon-Fri, 7 30pm, Set, Born, mats Wed 2,30pm, Sat, 3pm, Running time 2ths 45mins.

over on October 22. Wyndrama Chennig Cross Road-WC2 (071-867 1116) Underground Lecester Square, Mon-Set, Born, mats Wed, Jorn, Set, 4pm. Running time 2hrs.

Royal Court Sloane Square, SW1 (071-

manmost two evening soic ends Saturday.
Lyric Hamanersmith, King Steet, W6
(081-741 2311) Underground Hammersmith,
Part 1: Mon and Wed, 7 15pm, Part 2: Tues
and Thurs, 7 15pm, Parts 1 and 2. Fri and Sat,
2.15pth (with supper interval).

Barbican Barbican Consults (U7) 636 6991). Underground: Ramican/Moorgate/Si Paul's. Tonight-Set.

PIERRIE CARIDIN: A collection of past, present and future designs from one of the commuting situations on world fashion since the 1950s. ris and Albert Museum South

Another chance to hear Lione) Tertie's transcript of Eiger's Cello Concerto for

comes through, Bruce Davison domerales a stidul cast. Carnon Stuffestury Androit (871-835)

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MILOU EN MAI (15): Toothless same

from Ecras Maile about a bourgeos far May 1968 gathering in Berdeaux for a foneral Michel Piccoli, Mag-Mice Carzon Maytair (171-465-8865). MO SETTER BLUES (15): Some Lee's.

late of a self-obscropen New York pazy player (Denzel Washington). The bushing-atmosphere kazus the film lively, though its core of melodrama remarks hard to digost Cannons, Fulnem Roser (971-379-2536) Tossennam Court Roser (971-376-2536) Tossennam Court Roser (971-356-548) Empre (971-497-5939) Vinteleys (971-792-5303/3324)

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 PRETTY WOMAIN (15): Shamelessly old-lashened romaning comedy, given a fill by Julie Romerts as a garriay prostable.
Cannon Codord Street (071 636 (C) (f) Odeon Haymarbes (071-839 7897) Was (071-429 0791)

◆ ROMUALD AND JULIETTE | 12: Coline Serreau a social comedy about a yoghild factory boss who late for his West inclien cleaning lady. Long-winded total with dis performances from Duniel Autous and

 TOTAL RECALL (18): Imaginative fides poke though this laws tarkey about Amold Softwarzenegger liberating Mars. Converzence (074 500 1631)

◆ WILD AT HEART (18); Dawd Lynch's rollicieng tale of psycholic evil and sex passion the same ingredients as Blue Vehel, though the results are far more pret, mough are results are amore consequentel Stemmy Necolas Cage. Imosen Plaza (071 486 2443) Caence stemmen Court Road (071 686 6148) retiseer Onema (071-351 3742) Curzon est End (071 433 48151 Galle (071-727 4043), xeen on Baller Street (071 935 2772)

THE WOMEN ON THE ROOF (15): Porentous trough exclusinely photographs. Swedish nead-scratcher about live young women's everthal tile in a Stocknoth with during 1914 Director. Carl-Gustaw-Myhrist Curzon Photenis (071 240 9661)

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JEFFRIEY BERNARD IS UNIVELLA-James Bolam as the drunk-about rown columns? Coses October 27
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KEAN: Dardk Jacobi in splenoid form

El LOVE LETTERS: Robert Wagner and Statisme Powers reading a lot of tetters. Bland shuft from A.R. Gomey that imput improve when George Peppard and Elane Smitch take over on October 22.

MAD FOREST: Carvi Churchai's "ctale
of Romana" play brillanity anagmed mought
over fond of the significant pause.

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ET MOSCOW GOLD: David Calder as a striang Gorby lockatiles at a reverential, acrobatically staged history play Berbysen Barosan Centra, London EC2

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### **TODAY'S EVENTS**

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THE KOSH: Internationally acclaimed dance group present thes new snow... Endangered Species. Lilien Baylis Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278.8916), 7 45pm. DANCE UMBRELLA: Penultimate .

written by Kawa Volans. The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), 8pm.

### WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 26

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TELEVISION & RADIO

### BBC1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas
Witchell and Laurie Mayer
8.50 Daytime UK. A took at the moming's news and events presented by Adrian Mills in Manchester and Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers in

Birmingham 9.00 News, regional news and weather
9.05 Brainwava, Quiz game 9.25 Dish
of the Day. Cookery hints from
Rosemany Moon 9.30 People Today. Three mothers-to-be discuss the

changes about to affect their lives 10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Children's BBC introduced by Simon Parkin starts with Playdays which comes from Middleton, Manchester 10.25 The Family Ness. Carbon adventures of the Loch Ness monster 10.35 People Today. Kaffe Fassett talks about the fascination of arts and crafts

News, regional news and weather 11.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on safe sex 11.45 Before Noon, Adrian Mills and Ronke Philips with your telephone calls

12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 After Noon with Rosernery Conley's Diet and Fitness Club 12.20 Scene Today, Judi Spiers and Alan Titchmarsh live from the Pebble Mill studios 12.55 Regional news and

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. Suburben Australien soap. (Ceetax) 1.50 Four Square. John Sachs with another round of his quiz

2.15 Grim Pickings. Concluding part of the two-part Australian thriller, based on a novel by Jennifer Rowe, starring Liddie Clarke and Lorraine Bayly. Birdie

3.50 The Brollys. David Shaw Parker namates an animated adventure 4.05 Clockwise. Comedian Damen Day with six mora guiz contestants 4.20 Fantastic Max. Cartoon about a remarkable beby 4.35 Uncle Jack . . . and Operation Green. Episode three of the six-part comedy

serial and the Vixen is finally recruited to get the poison gas. (Ceefax) 5.00 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter with Yvette Fielding, John Leslie and Diane

Loise Jordan, (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r), (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Mark

Goodier (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1) 7.30 EastEnders. More po-faced crama about the denizens of Albert Square. Tonight the on-going sags of Mo's deterioration continues. Frank is facing the dilemma of whether to have her live with him and the family, or continue to risk heaven-knows-what by allowing her to live on her own. (Ceefax) 8.00 Tomorrow's World. The inventions

and technology of the future. Will robots

take over operating theatres as they have factories? And a report from Potsetationes? And a report from
Potsetam on how ultrasonics are
being used to explore the internal
condition of deteriorating statues.
With Judith Hann, Howard Stableford,
Peter Macann and Kate Bellingham
6.30 Birds of a Feather: Brief Encounter. In this week's episode of the earthy comedy, romance enters the life of Sharon in the shape of a gentlemen of a certain age whom she helps when he is attacked by a mugger. Starring Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson. (Ceetax). Northern Ireland: Spotlight 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Bust Weather

Buerk, Weather

9.30 One Foot in the Grave. A comedy about the trials of retirement, which often comes painfully close to the truth. The perpetually grumbling Victor (Richard Wilson) and Margaret (Annette Crosbie) by their hand at amateur dramatics. (Ceefax)

10.00 Your Cheatin' Heart: The Eagle of

the Apocalypse and the Sidewinders of Satan.

• CHOICE: Those who are beginning to eel that the best thing about John byme's rambling series is its title.

Byme's rambling series is its ti t is no good expecting Your Chest Heart to offer a crisp and lucid plot

because that is not Byrne's way and for Sassenachs the thick Scottish contains will continue to cause difficulty. But taken on its own terms, the senes can still offer worthwhile delights. There are Eddi Reader, with her extraordinary chestnut quiff, and Katle Murphy, as the country and western act. There is the dishevelled cherm of John Gordon-Sinclair, the restaurant critic turned private investigator, who either has most of the best lines or makes you think so. Above all, Your Chestin' Hear! is infused with a quirky humour all its own.

(Ceetax)
10.50 Question Time from Edinburgh with Peter Sissons. On tonight's panel are MPs Malcoim Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland, vice occurring of State for Scotland, vice ran left winger Tony Benn and Margaret Ewing of the Scotlish Nationaists, and the editor of The Sunday Times, Andrew Neil 11.50 Nearly Departed. American comedy of a couple who make a supernatural return from the dead

12.10am Weathe 12.15 Eastbourne By-Election. David Dimbleby, Peter Snow and Vivian White analyse the results of the first test of

Tory heartland support in nearly two years. Ends at 12.45

Rimmer, Lister, Holly and Cat (r).

Scotsmen, Gregor Fisher 9.30 The Hand of Stalin. CHOICE: A widerness the size of Europe in the far north-east of the Soviet Union, the Kolyma peninsula is cut off from the world for 10 months of the year and accessible only by sea for the other two. It was inhabited by a hendful of fishermen until 1928,

when a geological expedition found gold. In the next few years, at the height of collectivisation and the Stainist terror, hundreds of thousands of peasants, workers and intellectuals were sent there as prisoners. In inhuman temperatures, minus 60 in winter and plus 40 in summer, and fed on a few grams of bread of day, they were forced to dig for gold. The death rate was appelling, but lives were expendable. In the final part of the compelling and history of the Stalin era, a film crew visits the remains of the camp and survivors, perpetrators as well as victims, relive

11,15 The Late Show includes a report on the art v obscenity debete in the US 11.55 Weether 12.00 Snooker. Ends at 1.05am

6.00 TV-am 9.25 Jeopardy! Chris Donat has the answers, it is up to the contestants to

ITV LONDON.

work out the questions 9.55 Thames News and weather 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical

subject
10.40 This Morning, Magazine series
presented by Richard Madeley and Judy
Finnigan. Today's guests include the
ebutient David Beltamy and the resident
family doctor Chris Steele. Plus
actor Terence Stamp who is interviewed
by Mairl Mactiver. With national and
interretional news hearlines at 10.55 international news headlines at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed

by national weather 12.05 The Riddlers. For the very young (r) 12.25 Home And Away. Australian charms serial about a couple and their foster children 12.55 Thames News and weather

1.00 News at One with John Suchet.

1.20 Hot Property, Judith Cheimers with hints for buying at auctions and spotting the bargains among the rubbish 1.50 A Country Practics. Australian

soap set sround a rural town's medical centre

2.20 Posh Frocks & New Trousers.

Annabel Giles, Kristman Guzu-Murthy and Sarah Greene introduce the fashion megszine 3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drams set in a large city hospital

3.55 The Raggy Dolls. Animated adventures of the reject loys 4.10 Disney's Duck Tales (r) 4.36 Speedy and Daffy (r) 4.40 Jackson Pace: The Great Years. Comedy drama serial about a British explorer, starring Keith Allen 5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge

quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness 5.40 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather

5.55 Thames Help with advice on buying and selling mobile homes 6.00 Home and Away (r)

6.30 Themes News and weather
 7.00 Emmardale. Long-established agricultural drama serial set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)

7.30 Survival: The Vanishing Pools. As the spring rain falls on the dry land in the heart of Spein, pools and streams are briefly filled with water. Before the pools dry up again, frogs, toads, newts and salamanders all try to breed. Narrated by Alexander John

8.00 The Bill: Connelly's Kids, Grittly convincing police drama. When a likeable instrumen and his family are arrested for steeling, it leads to a disturbing discovery at Sun HML

8.30 This Week: Beath on the Mount. An investigation into the events that led to the killing of 21 Palestinians by Israeli police at Jerusalem'a Temple Mount



Rolf Saxon and Josens Kenska (9.00pm) 9.00 Capital City.

 CHOICE The second series of the merchant bank sage opens with an excited young man in shirtsleeves talking about white vanills bonds, as if we all know what they were, but this jergon-dropping need put off no one. The show is soon back into its

watchable stride, interleaving three strong, and totally comprehensible atones, and experity jugging its big and vanegated cast. Sirkka (Joanna Kanske), the volatile blonde Finn, takes centre stage as she leads a strike in the dealer room against the bank's involvement with a company illegally dumping nuclear waste. This green revolt predictably earns her a lecture about not letting moral stances interfere with business. There are a couple of cast changes and less emphasis then before on the characters' private tives. If Capital City continues to confine its dramas to the workplace it will come more in line with such models as Casualty and The Bill (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten with Alaster Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather

10.40 The City Programme. As the government examines the BT/Mercury duopoly, the programme looks at the contenders for their grown

11.10 01. Includes Sandra Dickinsor reviewing Mel Gibson a new film Bird on a Wire and Annabel Croft commenting on Wings of the Apache 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drama set in a female detention centre

12.30am Contacts. Televised personal column that enables viewers to make new friends and get in touch with people, With Josephine Buchan and Trevor Ward. 1.00 The Concert. The American rock

band Gent recorded at the Town &

Country Club

2.00 Film: The Bandit of Sherwood Forest (1946) starring Cornel Wilde and Anita Louise. Standard swashbuckling fare with the son of Robin Hood coming to the aid of the Queen Mother and the beautiful Lady Catherine when the young king is imprisoned by the wicked William of Pembroke. Directed by George Sherman and Henry Levin
4.00 The Invisible Man (b/w). The

4.30 America's Top Ten with Casey
Kasem and Tommy Puett (r)
5.00 ITN Morning News presented b
Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

### BBC 2

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster. The BBC parliamentary team continues the week's coverage of the Lords and

the Commons

9.00 Daytime on Two begins with maths
9.15 Women's battles for political
equality 9.45 France and the French 10.00 Young children's miscellarly 10.15 Questions for seven to 11-year-olds 10.35 Study skills for secondary school pupils 11.00 Caring for the water we use 11.20 The importance of measurements in science 11.40 Mathematical nvestigations 12.05 The contro surrounding the ploughing of the Flow country in Caithness and Sutherland the promotion of learning 1.20 PC Pinkerton 1.25 Fireman Sam 1.40 Schoolchildren perform a rhythmic

composition
2.00 News and weather followed by You

and Ma (r)

2.15 Snooker. Action from the fifth round of the Rothmans grand prix

3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live. Vivian Witte presents Prime Minister's Question Time and other business from the Lords and the Commons, Commentary is by Brian Curtois 3.50 News, regional

news and weather 4.00 Snooker, Further coverage of the Rothmans grand prix from Reading 5.30 Floyd'a American Pla. Keith Floyd in San Francisco cooks up a seafood delight (r). (Ceetax)



leaven sent: Hudson and Wyman (6.00pm

6.00 Film: All That Heaven Allows (1955) starring Rock Hudson, Jane Wyman and Starring rock rudson, same wyman and Conrad Nagel, Stylish melodrama from one the finest exponents of the genre, director Douglas Sirk. Wyman plays a wealthy New York widow who talls in love with the young gardener at her winter home and then has to face the prejudice of their family and friends, who are shocked by the age and eccial difference between them

7.30 First Sight: Blight, Michael Delahaye reports on how the Kent village of South Derenth has been affected over the past two years by British Rail'a plans for high-speed links to the Channel Tunnel, Wales: Naim's Travels; Northern Ireland: Birds of a Feether, England — East: Second Thought; Midlands: The Midlands Report; Leeds, Newcastle and Manchester: Close-Up North; Southampton: Southern Eye;

Plymouth: Western Approach; Bristol: Current Account 8.00 Red Dwarf Hi. More comic sci-fi with

8.30 Top Gear includes a visit to the Motor industry Research Association 9.00 Rab C Nesbitt More unappealing comic ruminations from the bewdy

heir experiences. 10.30 Newsnight with Frencine Stock

### CHANNEL 4

5.00 The Art of Landscape. Scenes of natural beauty backed by soothing

music 5.20 Business Daily 6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Schools 12.00 The Parliement Programme

presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and
business news service
1.00 Sesame Street. Educational
programma for pre-school children 2.00 A Houseful of Plants presented by Floella Benjamin and Michael Jordan (r).

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket, Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Morison Stoneham Hendicep Stakes (2.35); the A.R. Dennis Bookmakers Nursery Hendicap Stakes (3.05); the Jameson Whiskey Challenge Stakes (3.40); and the Jeyes Handicap Stakes (4.10). The race commentator is Graham

Goode 4.30 Fifteen-to-One Quiz game presented by William G. Stewart 5.00 Adventurous Eves. A look at women who achieved great goals in sporting history. Including Kitty Godfree, Alice Stanley and the Hon Mrs Victoria. Bruce (r) 6.00 The Crystal Maze. Another chance to see the popular adventure game show with Richard O'Brien (r)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Show and

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Show and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 The Great Moghuls. The first of a six-part series in which Bember Gascoigne examines the history of the Moghul dynasty (r)
8.30 Cheers. The start of a repeat run of the first tre-sciences of the popular. the first ten episodes of the popular American comedy set in a Boston bar. Starring Shelley Long and Ted

Denson
9.00 Film: Midnight Breeks (1990).

CHOICE: Almost unrecognisable under a mop of blonde hair, Toyah Wilcox plays a record producer who tures a black reggae singer (Dawn Hope) away from the band led by her boytriend (Don Letts of Big Audio Dynamite) for a lucrative contract with a successful white group. The boyfriend is not only miffed on a personal level but is quick to see racial manipulation; a feeling intensified when his Black Aid for Africa project runs into white opposition. His decision to raise money for the cause by running errands for a drug racketeer (Robbie Coltrans, with a pigtall) proves to be a less than sensible riposte. Produced by Phillip Bertlett, and written and directed by Laurens C. Postma,



Record breaker: Toyah Wilcox (S.00pm) the team also responsible for Third Wave. Channel 4's new senes for the over-55s, Midnight Breaks combines a jaundiced view of the rock industry with a weight of social comment it

cannot always comfortably bear 11.00 Black Faith. Last of three programmes looking at worship in Britain's black community 12.00 A Week in Politics — Late Sitting, in this first of a new senes Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley talk to Glenda Jackson, Paul Boateng and John Biffen about their hopes, fears and ambitions. Ends at 1.30am

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**BSB POWER** 

RADIO 3 6.35am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: The LSO
under Geoffrey Smon
performs Tchalkovsky (Festival
Overture on the Danish
National Anthem); Prometheus
Ensemble performs Ravel
(introduction and Allegm) (Introduction and Allegro)

(Introduction and Allegro)
7.30 News
7.35 Camerata Bern performs
Rosaini (Sonata for strings in
G); Thea King, ctarinet, Karina
Georgian, cello, and Cirflord
Benson, piano, perform
Brahms (Clannet Trio in A
minor, Op 114); ECO under
George Malcolm performs
Handel (Water Music Suite No
2 in D) 2 in D)

6.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Monteveroli. The Stuttgart
Beroque Ensemble under
Frieder Bernus, with Emma
Kirkby, Monika Meer-Schmid. inga Nielsen, sopranos, John Elwes, William Kendali, Herbert Klein, tenors, Cornelius Hauptmann, Adolph seidel, basses, performs aetatus sum; Confitebor tibi. Lectarus sum; Confitebor tibi. Domine (Missae et Psalmi, 1650), Salve Regina (Audi caelum); Salve Regina; Crucifinus; El resurrevit (Selva morple a spintuale, 1640-41); The Soteen under Harry Christophers, with Margaret

Christophers, win Margaret Philips, organ, performs Mass for Four Voces (1660) 9.35 Who Are These Children? Benjamin Britten, pano, and Benjamin Britten, piano, and Poler Pears, tenor, perform Britten (Who Are These Children?); Chamber Orchestra of Europe Wind Soloists performs Janácek (Youth): Pascal Flogé performs Debussy (Children's Corner); Mambers of Chamber Members of Chamber
Harmony under Jim Hanousek,
with Radoslav Kvapil, piano,
perform Janácek (Nursery
Rhymes); Medici String
Quartel under Philip Ledger,
with Robert Lloyd, Robert
Tear, Heather Begg, Catherine
Berston, Mary Wells and
Finchley Children's Music
Group perform Britten (The
Little Sweep)

11.55 BBC Soottish SO under Henry
Lewis perform Beethoven

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Lewis perform Beethoven
(Overture: Leonore No 3);
Haydin (Symphony No 6, La
Matin, Symphony No 102)

1.00 News

1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime
Concert live from Studio One,
Petible MB. Coult String
Overtet conforms Mozart

Quartet performs Mozart (Quartet in C, K 465); Tippett (Quartet in C, K 465); Tippett (Quartet No 2) 2.00 inventor of Genius: John Cage,

Earle Brown, Merce Cunningham, Minns Ledemann, John Rockwell, Kurt Schwertsik, Kartheinz Sockheusen and Cage hims

are among those helping Peter Dickinson to trace the career of the American composer, writer and artist (r)
3.00 Platée introduced by Nicholas Anderson, Rameau's opera dating from 1745 about a swemp nymph who believes that everyone is in love with her despite her extreme her despite her extreme ugliness. Jupiter in an attempt to make Juno jealous pretends to court her with cruel fun, Performed by Françoise Herr Vocal Ensemble and Les Musicens du Louvre under Marc Minkowski, with Gilles Regon, tenor, Vincent le Teuer, bass, Guillemette Laurens, mezzo, and Jennifer Smith, soprano

Smith, soprano 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Fione 7.00 News 7,05 Third Ear. Conductor and composer Odaline de la Martinez talks to Natalie Martinez talks to Natalie Wheen about her recent South

American four with the ensemble Lontano which she co-founded co-founded
7.30 Hallé Orchestra live from the
Free Trade Hall in Manchester
led by Micheel Davis under
Stanislaw Skrowaczewski,
with Eugene stamm, plane,
performs Mozart (Prano
Concerto in C, K 467) 8.00 A
Stantonist in Visiona, Paul Symphonist in Vienna. Paul Banks talks about the life and music of Bruckner (1) 8.15

9.30 Battic Memories. Austra Leona and Mecvs Baiorinas talk to Julian Hale about Ma between the wars in independent Latvia and Lithuania. The first of two programmes (r) 10.00 Music in Our Time. London Chamber Symphony under Odakne de la Martinez performs Enks Fox (Osen Shomaat); Elsabetta Brusa (Nitternero) 11.00 The Chesrful Little Earful. In

the third of four programmes about Thomas "Fats" Waller, Alyn Shipton concentrates on Water the organist, an exponent of the pipe organ and later the Hammond (r) and later the Hammond (r)
11.30 Composers of the Week.
Rachmaninov: Three Russian
Folk Songs; Symphony No 3
/rl 12.30 Ne

1.00 Night School (except in Scotland)

### RADIO 4

(e) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55, 8.57 Weather 9.00 News

9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts with John Wate (r)

9.30 Ask Questions Later. Jenni
Mills talks to Stephen Watdorf
who was mistleen for an
escaped gunman and shot by
police in rush-hour London
traffic severa years and traffic seven years ago 10.00 News; The Natural History

Nove; the return return Programme. Fergus Keeling and Jessics Holm look at the similarities in the way a shramp's eye and a television camera scan the world for colour

10.45 An Act of Worship (s)

11.00 News; Citizens (s)

11.25 Tough Cookles. Jenny Cuffe talks to five women who face the challenges of life head-on.

2.86-year-old Jene Saxby who is a forceful campaigner for rights for the elderly (s)

11.50 First Person. Peter Stalker looks at the recent enthusiasm.

looks at the recent enthusiasm tooks at the recent employees for all things green

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Dear Diary, Simon Brett searches diaries of history to see how people spent October 17 (a) (r) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The Model of One

1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's programme includes a feeture about the way Alaskan man advertise in magazines for brides; an item on the increasing number of young homeless women; an intervie

with the novelist Jenny Disk; and Maggie Monteith, director of the women's legal defence the law 3.00 (FM only) Prime Minister's Cheston Time

3.00 (LW only) News; Believe in the
Stans: Play by Gaylord Meech.
Life becomes an adventure for
two young brothers when they
are left to fend for themselves

in Forties Tennessee, Starring Benjamin Fairman and David 4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf with Nigel Forde
4.30 Kalexioscope. Today's
programme cornes live from

FRECUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053k/tz/255m;1059k/tz/2/5m;PM-97.6-99.8; Radio 2: PM-83-90.2; Radio 3: 1215k/tz/247m; PM-90-92.4 Radio 4: 186k/tz/1515m;PM-92.494.6; Radio 5: 663k/tz/453m; 908k/tz/330m; Werrid Service; MAV 643k/tz/453m; Jazz PM 102.2; LBC: 1152k/tz/257m; PM 97.3; Capital: 1548k/tz/453m, FM-97.3; Capital: 1548k/tz/256m, FM-94.9; Melody PM 104.9.

7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 in The Shadow of...

CHOICE: if a ghetto-blester can be tolerated on the secret fur of Wells Cathedral green, you wouldn't think anything else could ruffle the waters that, fitterally and metaphorically, link the cathedral to the secular rast of the city. Yet. Jenny Cuffe's the city. Yet, Jenny Cuffe's intelligent attempt to separate a cathedral's purely acclesiastical role and its ecclesiastical role and its function as an economic stimularii (i.s. 8 tourie) attraction that floods a city with visitors), reveals that atthough it may be true, as the cathedral canon says it is, that Wells is free of the lond of emrity existing between Oxford city and university, it emerges that Wells temporal and Wells spiritual aren't and was spirited aren't always the best of chums 8.00 Analysis. In the second of two programmes David Walker asks if capitalism can secure

international harmony among economically inter-dependent 8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for people with disabilities S.15 Kaledoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight
with Sam Jaffe 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight presented
by Robin Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The
Enchanted Morning by
Malachi Whitelar Fleed by
Stephenia Turner (s)

Stephenie Turner (s) 11.00 Not as Far as Veima, Se-pert adaptation of Necholas
Freeling's novel, with Keith
Barron, Part 3 (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00sm News, incl 12.20 Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast 11.00 Sky by Day 12.00 True Confessions 12.30pm Sale of this Century 1.00 Another World 1.50 As the World Turne 2.45 Loving 3.15 Three's Company 8.45 The DJ Ket Show 5.00 Star Truk 6.00 Sale of the Century 8.30 Fermily Ties 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 The Smyseoms 8.30 Whogs 9.00 Weegsyr 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 The Fitchhiker 11.00 Star Truk 12.00am Pages from Sevient

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SKY MOVIES

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opher stars as a young men who baycas to California 7.40 Entertainment Toright 6.00 Buster (1998): Phil Coline and Juie Watters star as Mr and Mrs Edwards Se Visiters size
9.40 Projector
10.00 Porky's Revenge (1985): The
fragin school previous results
11.35 The Lost Boys (1987): A family
nove to Castomia and discover that the

11.00 Into Loss boys (160 / n army now to Calstonia and discover that the local gang are verspires 1.30cm Midnight Croseling (1886): A sealing holiday leads to a tense battle of wis-in a breasure hunt. Starring Faye Duraway and Ned Seathy

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WORLD SERVICE

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Review 6.52 Francial News 6.56 Weather and Travel News 7.50 Newsdest 7.30 Lundres Makin 7.59 Weather 8.09 Twenty-hour Hours, News Summary and Francia News 8.30 Writer's Bookshakes 9.00 World News 9.09 World News 9.09 World News 9.09 World News 9.09 World News 9.00 World News 12.09 News 9.00 Life First News 9.00 World News 12.09 News 9.00 Life First News 9.00 World News 9.00 News 9.00

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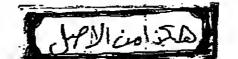


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### Major will stand firm against a single EC currency

By PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

STRONG opposition to the imposition of a single European currency will be emphasised by John Major in his Mansion House speech tonight.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is planning to use the occasion to give his first detailed explanation of how he intends British monetary and fiscal policy to be conducted within the European exchange-rate mechanism. He is expected to restate the need for a tight fiscal policy.

Mr Major's resistance to a single

currency will be voiced against the background of fears within the Conservative party that ERM entry could lead inexorably to the latter stages of the Delors vision for the development of the European Community. This week his parliamentary private secretary, Tony Favell, resigned to give himself freedom to speak out on Europe.

At the same time the Labour leadership is increasing its support for growing economic integration

within the Community.

Despite the opposition of a substantial number of backbench MPs, Neil Kinnock is preparing to commit Labour to a stance of building on the operation of the single market and of ERM. He is stopping short of committing Labour to support for a single currency at this stage, but that option is not ruled out for the

Before next week's Commons debate on the ERM, in which Mr Kinnock plans to speak, the Labour leadership line is that it would be premature to commit itself irrevocably to a single currency Before considering such a step it would need to be satisfied that the economy had strength-ened and reached a level of performance comparable with other member states. Any Euro-pean central bank would have to be democratically and politically accountable.

Despite the cautious formula Mr Kinnock clearly intends to portray Labour as more enthusiastic and positive about the latter stages of monetary policy than is

the government. Mr Major, in his first Mansion House speech, will back the evolutionary approach to European ecocomic development and again promote his plan for a hard Ecu, a common currency linked to the strongest currency in the EC.

Meanwhile there were signs vesterday that the toughest spending round for a decade was moving to a conclusion. Only John MacGreogr, the embattled holding out for more cash in his talks with Norman Lamont, the chief secretary to the Treasury.

Yesterday there was said to be a large gap remaining between the £700m extra being sought by Mr MacGregor and what Mr Lamont was prepared to give him.



Sky-walking: Andre Gonzalez, on pogo stick, and Dimitri Bogatirov, on crutches, taking the air on top of the Hackney Empire theatre in east London, where they will be performing as part of the Moscow Lights Clown Company from tonight until Sunday

# premier to resign

From Nick Workall in KIEV

STUDENTS on hunger strike in Kiev scored the first major victory of their two week campaign against the Ukraine's Communist-led government yesterday Wednesday when President Leo-nid Kravehuk announced that his prime minister Vitali Masol had decided to resign. The decision still has to be ratified hy the republican parliament.

The announcement, relayed live over loudspeakers from the parliament, provoked a storm of noisy celebration in the untidy tented camp that the students have set up in a central city square under the shadow of a massive red granite statue of Lenin, the Communist Party's founder.

At the same time at least three separate groups of marchers were moving through the streets of Kiev, the Soviet Union's third largest city. Waviog flags and chaoting anti-government slo-gans, they included large numbers of people too old to be students as more and more workers add support to the hunger strikers.

The protest began oo October 2 inspired by students from Kiev's two universities and from the militant western Ukrainian city, Lvov. Since then numbers have risen as other workers have joined the protest. Letters of support and cash donations have come in from all over Ukraine.

Demands include new elections under a multi-party system; a new

# Ukraine strike forces Shake-up to end legal aid income trap

Continued from page 1 courts. At the same time, some of the perceived injustices of the scheme, such as the rule by which the legally-aided litigant who loses does not have to pay his opponent's loses, is likely to be abolished. Instead, legally-sided litigants - who in future might be significantly better off than legal aid litigants are now - could well have 10 pay towards a winner's costs, according to their means.

The reforms are part of a threeyear review which is expected to report with its first tranche of Kiev tension, page 13 proposals in March. Although set up amid concern at the Bar and

Law Society about the falling numbers of people eligible for legal aid, the review goes far wider than publicly-funded legal ser-vices. Officials are keen to drive down costs of litigation generally, both legally-aided and private. There is concern about the inexorable rise in lawvers' private fees, creating a growing gap where more and more people cannot afford to go to law and cannot obtain legal aid.

There have been recent warnings from the lord chancellor that legal aid, now costing a gross £716 million a year, could not be a "blank cheque" from the taxpayer. At the same time he urged lawyers

to curb costs, promoting fears within the profession that the Treasury is seeking to cap the scheme. Officials plan therefore to tie the overhaul of legal aid in with other reforms oow under way to the civil courts and to family law and procedure with the aim of making litigation generally more affordable and efficient.

the whole basis of across-theboard financial eligibility that underpios the legal aid scheme. Instead of giving legal aid on the review team is also looking at the present system of contributions.

### Political sketch

# Backbench aid for an Hon friend opposite

YESTERDAY, describing the swearing in of a new Labour MP from Merseyside, I declared him the victor of the Bootle byelection. Bootle has yet to be fought. Nobody knows which party will win there, but one man who will not be a candidate is Eddie O'Hara, who has just become the MP for Knowsley South. I apologise to him.

MARC ASPLAND

And it was Merseyside which yesterday prompted a rare and pleasing parliamentary spectacle: that of a backbencher from one party coming to the aid of a backbencher from another, io real good faith.

Labour's Frank Field had applied to Mr Speaker "under stand-ing order 20" for an emergency debate on the proposed offer for sale of the Cammel Laird shipyard in his constituency of Birkenhead.

If no buyer could be found, argued Field, the resultant closure would be disastrous for his many constituents working there. Parliament, he concluded, should have the opportunity to say "that it would not lightly countenance that asset, and those people." being cast aside.

The list of issues which matter urgently to one or another of our 650 MPs is a potentially endless one: so Mr Speaker's painful duty is usually to turn down such requests without offering reasons. He did so in this case. That was predictable, but Mr Field looked enumely distressed.

It was then that Nicholas Soames (C, Crawley) rose, "on a point of order".

The threat Mr Field's constituents faced, said Soames, was surely enormously worrying. If a constituency problem like this was not a good enough reason for an emergency debate, then "what scale and magnitude of distress does there have to be" for the request to be granted?

There was little Mr Speaker could add, of course. He explained that "urgency" counted for much. But he clearly approved of Mr Soames' intervention, as did everyone (I think) io the chamber.

Birkenhead is not a prosperous town, whereas Crawley is wealthy. Mr Field is not a fat man, whereas Soames is substantial: but both are thought intelligent and independent by their colleagues. Birkenhead for its member) nodded appreciatively in the direction of Crawley.

Crawley smiled back. Rare good humour. And short-lived. The next point of order was from Mr R Hughes MP. To that name answers Robert (C. Harrow W), but also Roy (Lab. Newport

 E) and Bob (Lab. Aberdeen N).
 Confusion is inevitable. The confusion this time had resulted in Robert, from Harrow, finding his name attached to what he considered an anti-Israeli motion which it had possibly been the intention of Roy from New-port or of Aberdeen Bob 10

support.

Mr Speaker explained this. rather wearily. But Robert was clearly cross. Funny, that, because I thought I remembered irritation surfacing some years ago, when Robert found some correspondence of Bob's included by mistake in his mail; and quoted it in the chamber.

On that occasion (I thought) it was Bob who was cross. But I've spoken to Robert's secretary, who says it was Bob who found something intended for Robert. and had the thing read out from the front bench by Jack. Rov. on the whole, keeps out of all this. Hands up everyone who wishes they would just toss a coin for the initial "R", and find other names for the remaining two?
Anyway, confusions about the

MP's name served me well during my years as member for West Derbyshire: After parliament's first debate on capital punishment, I went into the division lobbies, as did Mr Parry, the Labour MP for Liverpool Riverside.

Next morning, the Official Record, together with The Times, included my name in both the Aye and the No division lists. Mr Parry was recorded as not having voted. Many of my constituents (seeking my name in the list of which they approved, and finding it) were kind enough to write congramulating me.

I never did get round to setting the record straight in the local press. After all, an MP is a very

MATTHEW PARRIS

# Tube's £40m shortfall

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

LONDON Underground is facing a severe cash shortage because of declining off-peak travel, falling receipts from property sales and lettings, and higher than anticipated sprodiog oo safety improvements. The financial shortfall forced

constitution reflecting resolutions

passed by parliament in July for

greater sovereignty, a Ukrainian

currency and local armed forces;

rejection of President

Gorbachev's proposed new unioo

treaty; and placing the consid-

erable property of the Communist

Party into public hands. There

have been no official moves to end

the sit-in which looks likely to

spread after yesterday's boost to

student hopes.

managers yestersay to announce a crash programme of spending cuts, including a possible freeze on recruitment, off-peak ticket office closures, and the withdrawal of all Boxing Day services. Income from off-peak travel has

declined by £10 million during the past six months, while receipts from sales and lettings is £30

million less than anticipated. London Underground has also had to pay for safety improvements earlier than expected, such as the £2.6 million cost of repairing Blackfriars bridge over the Circle Line, and the several humdred thousand pounds needed to repair trains on the District Line.

London Undergroud is expecting an income shortfall of about £40 million by the end of the year, which would have been considerably higher without the cutbacks announced yesterday," it said. There are no plans at present to increase fares further to make up

for the shortfall.

# They are considering scrapping

basis of a person's financial means, officials are looking at how legal aid can be targeted so there would be flexible eligibility tests according to the kind of case and its costs. There may also be a new legal aid "safety net" system. The

England and Wales will

### School tests to change closest supporters have their

Continued from page 1 disastrons pilot series of tests last spring. The prime minister made clear to him that she needed to be coovinced that the revised format was in line with her original intentions, of improving basic standards in all state schools.

Mr MacGregor's cabinet future is not in doubt and the inceting was not intended to put pressure on him to settle his bid for an extra £700 million on his £6.8 billion budget planned for next year. There was no general disagreement between the prime minister and her education secretary, Downing Street sources said. Even so, the impression per-

sisted that Mrs Thatcher and her

reservations about the style and pace of Mr MacGregor's attempts to implement the radical reforms bequeathed to him by his predecessor, Kenneth Baker. Mr MacGregor insisted that his

encounter was a "routine meeting", but government sources conceded it was not a "regular thing" for her to hold such wideranging talks with a minister.

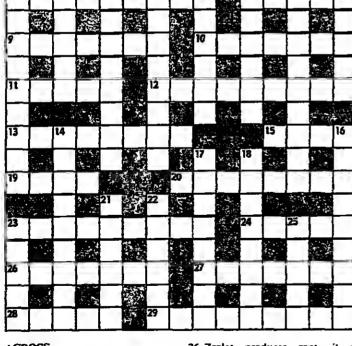
talks were heightened by disagreements among Conservative MPs about educational vouchers and hy the disclosure that Mr Mac-Gregor is now the only cabinet minister who has oot settled his spending battle with the Treasury.

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- 20 In which we hear Gilbert's words of resignation (8).
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- 18 Drink with the power to provide amusement (3-5)
- 21 Information to put in the dock the squire's family (6). 22 Stick to the grass 16). 23 Suit - it takes a few weeks to
- come up with it 15). 25 Brooke's said to be a poet (5), Concise crossword, page 17

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard VALLECULA

WORD-WATCHING

a. A red pimple b. A little valle MOUCHARABY . A North African balcony Arabian fly c. The female tarboosh

GILLAROO a. An Australian shee b. An Irish treet c. A yearling kangaroo INENUBILABLE a. Very foggy b. Unmarriageal c. Uncountable

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 18 1990

# Kleinwort faces halved profits after £30m loss on one deal

By JOHN BELL, CITY EDITOR

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KLEINWORT Benson, the leading City merchant banking house, has taken a £30 million loss on a single share trade. The decision will cut the group's expected profits by half this year.

Though Kleinwort says that the initial decision to go ahead with the share deal was a collective one, Charles Hue Williams, joint managing director of the group's securities operations, has

The loss arose from the failure to find buyers for a 29 per cent stake in Premier Consolidated, the oil exploration and production group, which Kleinwort bought from Burmah Castrol in August. The transaction which failed was a socalled bought deal, or block trade, in discount of 10 per cent or more. But fied with the deal, Mr Peake said that the little effort to mark up Premier shares which a securities house buys a large share stake in the hope of breaking it np and selling it on swiftly to a number of institutional shareholders.

Kleinwort's block trade was conceived in the early aftermath of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait that sent oil prices and oil shares soaring. But the terms were judged too aggressive by the market and Kleinwort was unable to sell its

newly acquired stake. Burmah agreed to sell its holding of 139.9 million shares in Premier on August 6 at a price of 99p. The deal netted Burmah £138 million, but from Kleinwort's position, the price was high. Bought deals are traditionally done at a Kleinwort paid a slight premium to the prevailing market price.

Worse still, Mr Hue Williams and his team attempted to place the shares at 103p, a further premium to the market

After meeting strong resistance from potential buyers, the placing was aborted. "They were being too greedy," was the verdict of one trader at the time.

David Peake, Kleinwort's chairman, said yesterday: "There is no doubt that this was a misjudgment of the market." Although Mr Hue Williams, a former partner of Wedd Durlacher, the jobbing firm, and Kleinwort's most senior market-maker, was most closely identi-

transaction "went through all the usual procedures".

The risking of £138 million required the highest approval within Kleinwort. It represented no less than 27 per cent of shareholder funds.

Since August, interest costs of the Premier holding have been mouoting up at the rate of about £400,000 per week. Total carrying costs came to about £4.5 million when the shares were sold

Mr Peake would not be drawn on the role of other market-making firms during the period when Kleinwort was an enforced bolder of Premier. But there is a widespread view that rivals made

even during the time when oil prices were rising sharply. Some traders were said to be revelling in the discomfort of a competitor. "It would not be right for us to whinge," said Mr Peake.

After calling in Cazenove, the broker with unrivalled placing power among institutions, Kleinwort bowed out yesterday from its burden by selling its stock at 78p, a discount of 10 per cent on overnight price. The capital loss was more than £29 million.

Despite strong market suggestions that the merchant banking group might trim back or even close down market-making operations after the heavy loss, Mr Peake stressed that Kleinwon's strategy re-

bought deals. "They are part of the business we are in. We have done them successfully in the past and shall do so again." he said.

One of the few consolations for Kleinwort came from Roland Shaw, the chairman of Premier. "I have the utmost regard for Mr Hue Williams and 1 am sorry that the deal was unsuccessful. But Kleinworn acted with the bighest standards throughout. I am certain that they could have gone out and found a predator to pay a higher price."

 In an unrelated move, Kleinwort is transferring part of its Japanese warrant trading operation to Tokyo with a possible loss of 25 jobs in London.

### Highland links with Cointreau

HIGHLAND Distilleries, the Famous Grouse whisky producer, and Rémy Cointreau, the French cognac and champagne group, have agreed a £75.9 million share deal, under which Highland acquires convertible bonds which will translate into a 20 per cent stake in Orpar, the largest shareholder in Rémy

Highland has agreed to sell its 12.7 per cent holding in-Macallan-Glenlivet to Rémy-Cointreau as part of the deal.

Brian Ivory, the managing director of Highland, said the deal would lead to a greater Enropean sales effort by the company and would also allow it to participate in the distribution earnings.

Drinks deal, page 29

### TIP Europe up

TIP Europe reports pre-tax profits swollen by acquisitions and a change in accounting. policies from £12.7 million to £15.5 million for the year to end-July. A 3.6p final divi-dend makes a total up by 0.3p

to 5.3p.

Jim Cleary, the chairman, rejected suggestions that bis group was in financial difficulties which have prompted an abrupt slide in the share Tempns, page 29

### **Record for Pict**

Pict Petroleum reports record is likely to place greater net profit of £2.3 million for emphasis on scheduled serthe year to the end of June, compared with losses of £399,000. Earnings of 6,220 share compare with a deficit of 1.45p. There is again no dividend. Tempus, page 29

### THE POUND

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# James set to take helm at Dan Air

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the City's toughest and most successful troubleshooters has been asked to take over the running of Dan Air as part of a two-year plan aimed at saving the

Talks on the planned takeover were going on late last night and if successful, David James, who has rescued a string of leading industrial companies, will take over next week. The negotiations follow a series of meetings with Dan Air's bankers, who insisted on top-level changes in return for guaranteeing to back the company for the next two years.

If Mr James, who this year was brought in as chairman of Eagle Trust to rescue the company after its shares were suspended when the fraud squad was called in, accepts the proposal, he is expected to demand a drastic change in the structure of the airline. He vices and a smaller fleet.

Mr James' precise role was still being defined last night in thess to anyone linles: talks with Davies and New- sure of their future." man. He would become at least chairman of Dan Air a similiar decision by ILG's Services and may be ap- tour operating group not to group chairman, who has been in overall charge since 1966.

The sale of Dan Air's engineering base at Gatwick, for which an agreement in prinnon-airline group, but which of them or me, I was deter-

has yet to be signed formally, will be a priority.

However, this deal has been thrown into doubt by the decision of Harry Goodman's Air Europe to withdraw from in the bope of obtaining cash a contract for the company to maintain its fleet of Boeing 757 jets. The contract, representing between 15 and 20 per cent of Dan Air's engineering work and produced profits of about £4 million a year, was subject to cancellation if Dan Air sold the base or even threatened to do so.

Mr Goodman, the chairman of International Leisure Group, which owns Air Europe, said: "We asked if they could give us a guarantee that any of our aircraft which were trapped in the hanger in the event of a closure would be returned to us, and we did not get such a guarantee. We therefore decided to pull out.

"We have learned over the last 18 months that people can disappear around us and have lost a very great deal as a result of the demise of Paramount and Exchange Travel. We are now not prepared to give bus-Air Europe's stance follows

pointed to the Davies and use Dan Air aircraft this win-Newman holding board in ter or next summer, leading to place of Fred Newman, the allegations that Mr Goodman was trying to hasten the demise of Dan Air so he could pick np its remaining routes. The allegations were denied by Mr Goodman, but he addciple has been reached with a ed: "If it was to be a question

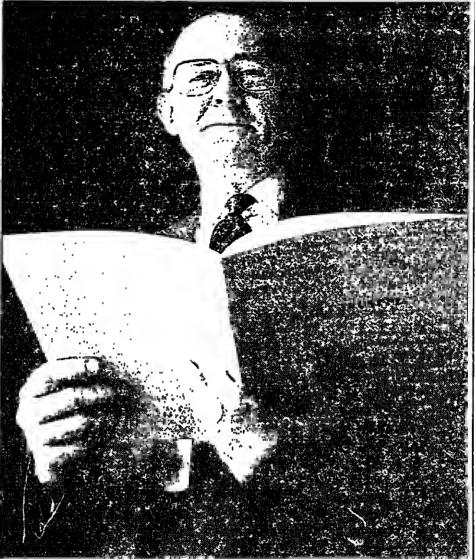
mined it would not be me." While ILG was taking action against Dan Air, the Dan Air board was putting forward a business plan to Lloyds Bank guarantees to provide a breathing space while the

company was reorganised. The bank backed the plan yesterday, but with conditions. It insisted that a senior management structure be created to coincide with the switch in the airline's headquarters to Gatwick next month. Sir Ian Pedder, Dan Air's chairman, would be ousted with many executives if Mr James moved in his own

Dan Air's troubles stem from the collapse of the holiday charter market. The airline had no direct links with a tour operator to guarantee passengers. Then tensions in the Gulf more than doubled The banks have been wor-

ried about the dwindling returns from Dan Air's charter operations and the Civil Aviation Authority has studied If Mr James takes over, be

will have to shed many of the older jets in Dan Air's fleet, whose fuel consumption is now much greater than rival airlines with more modern aircraft. At today's fuel prices, it costs \$138 per seat to fly an older Boeing 727-200 to Te-neriffe and back compared with \$81 per seat in a 737-400 and \$83 in a 757.



In line for another hot seat: David James, City troubleshooter, looks at Dan Air

# Waterford strike adds to losses

week strike during the summer sent the Waterford Wedgwood crystal and fine china group deeper into loss in the first half of 1990.

The strike was primarily responsible for a loss of 1r14.6 million (£13.2 million) at Waterford, and inflated group losses by an estimated Ir£10 million to 1r£18.3 million, against a loss of lr£10.6 million a year ago, and will also Comment, page 29 have an impact on the second-

interim dividend.

The deal with the frish workforce is expected to result in substantial production cost savings. Paddy Byrne, group chief executive officer, said: "The results do not show the complete picture. There has been real improvement in the condition of the businesses that, given time, will accrue to sharebolders."

WATERFORD Crystal's 14- half figures. There will be no Fitzwilton consortium take a 29.9 per cent stake, injected

million to Ir£34.9 million, and reducing gearing from 200 per

The refinancing last spring, which saw Tony O'Reilly's lr£96.2 million of new cash, cutting net debt from Ir£145.3

cent to almost 20 per cent. The Britisb-based Wedgwood interests did well to achieve profits of Ir£7 million, against Ir£8 million. Most of the downturn was attributable to currency translation.

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### Carpetland buyout runs into snags

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE management buyout of the 119 Carpetland shops from Lowndes Queensway. the group that went into receivership in August, has run into difficulties over the funding of the deal.

The buyout team, which is headed by Ray Nethercoil, managing director of the carpet division, approached Kingfisher, the retail group. and had been optimistic that it would receive Kingfisher's backing.

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But sources inside Carpelland said that Kingfisher decided not to go ahead with the deal, which was expected to proceed in the next few weeks. Kingfisher refused to comment.

The management buyout team, which has spoken to a number of potential backers. including the 3i and Continental European groups, is said to be looking for less than £10 million and is now considering widening the buyout to include taking some of the remaining 54 Queensway furniture stores as well as the Carpetland business. The management team is believed to be the only group considering taking the complete business.

 Manpower, the former Blue Arrow employment group now attempting to relocate across the Atlantic to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has warned shareholders that it may have to accept less than the £106 the company is to sell most of ils non-Manpower businesses in this country (Martin Waller writes).

The announcement sent the shares 3p lower to 49p. The deal, a buyout of the Brook Street agency and four other last month. Last week, the market learned of problems with financing.

Bnynuts failing, page 28

against the Deutschmark and fell even more precipitously against the yen after senior policymakers in Washington and Tokyo expressed indifference about the American currency's decline. By the close in London, the dollar was down more than two yen and about ½ pfennig. It recovered slightly in early New York trading, responding to stronger than expected figures on industrial output, but it remained well down on the day, especially against the yen. The American currency hit

its lowest point of DM1.5040 and Y124.80 before lunch in

London as traders reacted to

steep overnight falls in Tokyo

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chairman of the colony's stock exchange,

was convicted on corruption charges in

Mr Justice Bokhary, who presided

over the six-week trial, is to pass

sentence today. Li faces other charges

under the prevention of bribery ord-

nance with six other former exchange

members. Li's conviction was a famous

victory for the prosecutors, who sought

the high court yesterday.

THE dollar hit a record low ington on Tuesday night that

the dollar's fall was "not something we are overly concerned about". By lunchtime in New York the dollar's decline was halted by the publication of stronger than expected economic fig-

DOLLAR PLUNGES Yen

At mid-day in New York, the dollar traded at Y125.50 and DM1:5125. Sterling was mostly sidelined in the foriegn exchanges, trading almost unchanged at \$1.9620 and

# Yen and mark set Severn Trent may record over dollar let Caird bid lapse

SEVERN Trent, the privatised water company, is reviewing its 100p a share cash offer for Caird Group and may Provisions of £3 million allow the bid to lapse.

Representatives of Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank acting for Severn Trent, have discussed with the Takeover Panel the possibility of reducing the value of the bid or allowing it to lapse.

Caird has recommended Severn Trent's offer for the ordinary shares, which values the company at £78 million, but rejected the terms for the convertible preference shares. Caird shares fell from 93p to

downgraded its profit forecast for the 18 months to the end of December from £8.5 million before tax to £7.2 million, were "viewed with concern."

while an unaudited statement shows the value of net assets unchanged at £54.1 million.

have also been made in respect of anticipated losses and closure costs within Caird's joint venture property development companies. Severn Trent, which now holds almost 30 per cent of

Caird's ordinary shares, reserved the right to withdraw its offer should the company fail to reaffirm its original profit forecast, which was issued in September as a profit warning, provoking the fall in Caird shares which preceded

A Severn Trent statement noted "with disappointment" Caird's announcement and said the extraordinary losses

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### to stamp out irregularities of an era in which the stock exchange was run like "a private club" and deals were extradited by officials who made or bent the rules.

Li, the 60-year old billionaire and devout Anglican, closed the exchange for four days after Black Monday, a move which dented Hong Kong's image as a serious financial centre for international investors. When the exchange reopened

Li guilty of corruption in Hong Kong on October 26, 1987, the market suffered its biggest one-day fall and the futures exchange collapsed and was bailed out at

Ex-chairman ran stock exchange 'like private club'

a cost of HK\$4 billion (£264 million). Li stepped down as chairman of the exchange in December 1987 and stayed on as one of five vice chairmen until he was arrested by anti-graft officers on January 2, 1988, in a report by Mr Ian Hay Davison, the British regulator brought in for a six-month review of the financial market, Li was found to have run the exchange like a "private club" locking out foreign institutions and accountable only to himself.

The government has since embarked on a complete overhaul of the system, resulting in new management for the exchanges, stricter securities regulations and the establishment of an independent Securities and Futures Commission. Li, once rated the third richest man in Hong Kong, with a personal fortune of HK\$14 billion, belonged to a gifferent, more

broker, he was barred from joining the old British-run Hong Kong Stock Exchange. in defiance, he founded the Far East Stock Exchange in 1969. It rivalled the existing exchange and championed local brokers against international firms Two more exchanges developed. in 1986, Mr Li masterminded a mer-

ger of the four small exchanges into one. He was voted chairman and often used his clout to defeat unwanted rules. During the trial, Li was accused of abusing his position as chairman to

make a personal profit of nearly \$HK880,000 from corrupt share deals. He denied there was anything wrong with asking for shares from companies whose listings he had just approved. After 10½ bours of deliberations the jury convicted him by a majority vote of 5-2 of accepting the shares of Cathay Pacific Airways and Novel Enterprises for supporting their listings in 1986 and 1987.

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change should join the companies in a share marketing campaign while mounting a determined effort to cut dealing costs for small iovestors. The proposals are among a broad range of measures urged in a report, "A Nation of Shareholders" from the CBI's

force yesterday.

They are needed, it says, to reverse a sharp decline in the proportion of shares owned by individuals. Sir Peter Thompson, chairman of the task force, said the strategy is vital to the health of Britain's

wider share ownership task

economy and society.

He was supported by John Banham, director general of the CBI, who said; "The vast bulk of our fellow citizens do not understand the wealth creation process." Control ten or more shares. over British quoted compensations. The report will be discussed successful schipanies had become con-millions of people have at the CBI's annual conference and America.



Expansive move: Sir Peter Thompson (left) and John Banham of the CBI yesterday

The CBI report says that the proportion of British listed equities held by individuals, by market value, has fallen from 38 per cent in 1975 to 28 per cent io 1981 and 20 per cent today. Only 300,000 owned a balanced portfolio of

centrated in the hands of never traded in the secondary at Glasgow in November. If about 60 fund managers, he market", said Sir Peter. "They adopted, it will become the just sat there holding privatipolicy of the employers' organisation. sation shares and neither, our

The report says the pro-posed income tax relief on survey showed, did they know how to trade them." The task force report direct share investments of up blames stock market struc-to £100 a month for a limited direct share investments of up tures, a failure to market period would cost the Treashares, and tax incentives sury £300 million a year if one favouring investment in million people took advantage of it. It is modelled on highly houses and pensions. successful schemes in France

# Grovewood for Priest **Marians**

By MATTHEW BOND

GROVEWOOD Securities, the property group run by David Holland, the former chairman of Randsworth Trust, has finally made its long-awaited hid for Priest Marians Holdings. the London property company.

Grovewood is offering one of its shares for each ordinary share in Priest Marians. Additional Grovewood shares are being placed with institutions at 35p each to raise £13.75 million of working capital. At 35p the loss-making Priest Marians is valued at £5

The deal represents a huge loss for JMB Realty, the American property company. Last November JMB paid 380p a share for the 25.1 per cent stake owned by Simon Fussell, Priest Marians' former chairman. It later took its stake up to 28.3 per cent at a total cost of over £14 million. Yesterday the Grovewood hid valued the JMB stake at just £1.3 million.

The bid was accompanied by interim figures for Priest Marians, which revealed that in the six months to March the company made pre-tax losses of £20.8 million. The com-pany also has current net borrowings of £130 million.

### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

## offers £5m | Retraction by BZW on Maxwell Corp

BARCLAYS de Zoete Wedd has been forced to retract statements made in its morning briefing note about the profitability of Maxwell Communication Corporation after a

complaint from the group.

BZW had claimed earlier this month that disposals announced recently would weaken the group's prospects. An apology published yesterday said the disposals programme will now increase attributable profits for Maxwell in the financial year to the end of March. The dispute is similar to one between Maxwell and James Capel this summer. at which the publisher forced a retraction of remarks made which the publisher forced a retraction of remarks made internally by the broker and reported in the press.

### Brabant draws Air London private funds in 5% rise

shown interest in one of the Unlisted Securities Market this year. They subscribed for 550,800 shares in Bra-bant Resources, 5.1 per cent of the 10.8 million new shares being issued. The oil and gas exploration concern is raising £16 million via a placing and offer, at a cost of almost £854,000. The shares are being issued at 155p.

PRIVATE investors have AIR London International the air charter broker that few companies to join the came to the unlisted securities market via a placing last November, has reported a 5

per cent rise io pre-tax profits to £822,000 for the year ended in July. The company saw turnover improve 28 per cent to £13.4 million, although earnings slipped by 7 per cent to 6.2p. A final dividend of 1.4p makes 2.5p for the year.

### Go-ahead for Ranger

RANGER Oil (UK) has received Department of Energy approval for the development of the Anglia offshore gasfield in the North Sea's southern gas basin. The Anglia field is expected to produce 50 million cubic feet of gas a day from December next year. Gas will be sold under short-term contracts to Kinetica Ltd, BP Gas Marketing and Associated

Long-term supplies are intended for Anglia Power and Gas, a Ranger-operated project to develop a 350-megawatt gas-fired electrical generating plant. Ranger, a subsidiary of the eponymous Canadian-based group, has a 35.63 per cent interest in the field.

### Profits fall at Cooper falls Bourne End to £4.6m

0.77p but the interim dividend was maintained at tp. 3.85p, with the recommendation of a 2.5p final.

A SURGE in interest costs FREDERICK Cooper, Brittook its toll on profits at ain's second largest supplier Bourne End Properties, the of window locks and door property investor. Pre-tax knockers, reported a drop in profits fell from £347,000 to pre-tax profits from £8.7 265,000 in the half year to end-June. Group interest payments were £1.25 million, compared with a gain of £214,000 last time. Earnings open offer. The dividend, as per share fell from 3.5p to expected, rises to 4p against

### Henry Boot advances

DAVID Boot, chairman of Henry Boot and Sons, the construction company, says there is no indication that public sector contracts will alleviate an increasingly competitive market for privately funded construction projects.

Despite this, Henry Boot has still managed to raise pre-tax profits by 26 per cent to £2 million in the six months to end-June. Mr Boot said the performance was a result of the company's lack of gearing and successfully completed property developments. The interim dividend was raised by 17 per cent to 7p (6p).

# This year proving disastrous for many buyout deals

1989 and four times as many as two years ago, according to a review of the market.

Figures published by the influential Centre for Management Buyout Research show that 32 deals failed between January and June this year. The figure for same period last year was 11 and for the 12 month period it was 27. Only eight deals went into receivership two years ago. In 1986, not a single buyout or buy-in was identified by the centre as

Buyouts have been hit by their high debt levels, typically three times the size of the equity element in the deals, and by their inability to refinance through flotations, market, or by trade sales, because of the decline in

MORE management buyouts culties facing buyouts have and buy-ins went into been reflected in changing receivership in the first half of financial structures. In deals this year than in the whole of carried out in the first six months of the year, the proportion of the funding provided in the form of equity or quasi-equity rose from 18.5 per cent to 24.8 per cent.

The current harsh economic climate is not all bad news for the buyout industry. Nearly ten per cent of deals in the first half this year originated fromlarger groups that had gone into receivership, the highest proportion since 1984.

continuing high volumes of deals, but of much smaller average sizes. In the first half, 271 deals were carried out compared with the record 503 in the whole of last year. However, the average deal size ket is still thriving at the

# LOFs' tanker fleet grows in \$70m deal

By PHILIP PANGALOS

LONDON & Overseas ping Corporation, the group's Freighters, the UK tanker holding company, to be built company that is controlled by the Kulukundis family, is expanding its fleet with the addition of a third tanker in a deal worth \$70 million.

LOFs has commissioned a 150,000-ton tanker, in a joint venture with Iroquois Ship-

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that a rate of about \$30,000 per day has been agreed. which is understood to be a very healthy deal. The effective purchase cost

of \$70 million will be paid in five instalments. The delivery, date is expected to be during

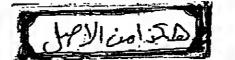
• Norex, the shipping and insurance group formerly known as Common Brothers. increased taxable profits from £2.4 million to £3.2 million during the year to end-June, despite a reduction in turnover from £48.56 million to £33.37 million

Earnings rose from 14.07p a share to 18.12p. The company is returning to the dividend list, paying a total of 1p a share (nil paid in 1989).



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with benefit of that priceless commodity, perfect hindsight. Kleinwort Benson was doomed to fail with its attempted block trade in Premier Consolidated. The City's two key principles in such matters were brushed aside in a

breathtaking manner. The first, that big blocks of shares trade at discount, was ignored by the decision to pay Burmah a little more than the prevailing market price for its 29 per cent holding in Premier. This oversight lapses into insignificance by the failure to observe perhaps the most fundamental City rule of them all - always leave a profit for the other party. By seeking a price of 103p per share when Premier shares were trading at around 97p, Kleinwort

was being too aggressive by half. By all accounts, these twin departures from City convention left Kleinwort's luckless salesmen precious little by way of a convincing sales pitch when they began the phone-in to sell the

The whole excercise harks back to the gung-ho era of the terms of the ordinary offer, may

# Kleinwort falls foul of neglected twins reasing the commentation of the contraction of the

and contrasts starkly with Kleinwort's normal conservative approach to life.

The financial damage - profits will be no more than half the previously expected £60 million this year - will be painful but brief. Far more permanent will be the setback to Kleinwort's painstaking efforts to establish itself as a first rank player in

As for bought deals, it must be of some concern to banking regulators that more than a quarter of the group's capital could be tied up, for the best part of three months, in a failed effort to make quick profits.

### Right to vote

(aird's rejection of the "inadequate" offer for its convertible shares by Severn Trent, despite accepting the immediate post-Big Bang days bring to a head a simmering and damaging row in the convertibles

market. Only last week, Rank Organisation found itself struggling to pass the 90 per cent threshold in its offer for the Mecca convertible preference shares. A determined rearguard action by Sun Life, which bitterly opposed the terms of the offer, almost prevented Rank from being able compulsorily to buy out the minority holders. It was a lone and ultimately futile gesture but one that reflects the acute concern with which a number of institutions regard the outlook for the convertibles market.

They argue that, in a long succession of deals over the past 18 months, from the Magnet buyout, via the British & Commonwealth receivership, to the Mecca and Caird takeover bids, convertible stockholders

ordinary shareholders or secured lenders.

As a result, companies will find it increasingly difficult to fund themselves with anything other that expensive secured bank debt or dilutive new equity. Certain safeguards for the convertible bolders can and have been taken. Enhanced conversion terms in the event of a takeover are becoming more common in new issues, but do not necessarily fully protect the capital value of the convertibles. Investor put ontions could be imported from the Euro markets, but as the experiences of Saatchi & Saatchi convertible investors show, they may offer little or no protection in the very circumstances for which the put option is designed to provide.

One far more radical

rights to convertible sharebolders. Issuers and equity bolders will hate the idea, but if UK companies want to keep the full range of capital structures available to them, the now thoroughly disillusioned convertible market is going to have to be offered some fairly befty concessions.

### Price of peace

t is a sad irony that 2,100 workers at Cammell Laird Shipbuilders are on course to become casualties of better East-West relations. Job losses are hardly the sort of peace dividend that Merseyside needs.

Cammeli Laird was designated a warship yard, so parent company VSEL was refused support to return it to merchant ship building. Despite the "for sale" sign now hanging over the gate, the yard's most likely have lost out in favour of the alternative is granting voting outlook is a gradual run-down

until its last submarine is completed in February 1993. VSEL will be left with extraordinary costs of perhaps £20 million and a 150-acre derelict site. And problems of its own.

At the main yard in Barrow-in-Furness, VSEL's bread and butter work on Britain's fourboat Trident submarine programme is at its peak. A famine of new warship orders is in prospect.

Since Barrow bas the broadest range of ship-building skills in the country, any government anxious to preserve indigenous design-and-build warship capacity would probably ensure its survival.

But job cuts there look as likely as further extraordinary charges for VSEL. The development of more international co-operative agreements, promises to be the shape of the future. But VSEL cannot be immune from the impending world-wide round of defence industry rationalisation.

The share price tells the story. At 365p, down 22p yesterday, VSEL shares cost just 4.4 times prospective earnings despite a yield of 8.2 per cent.

THE extensive share deal between Highland Distilleries the whisky producer, and the controlling shareholder of Rémy Cointreau, the French cognac and liqueurs group, shows that European link-ups are being taken seriously, even by smaller companies.

The Europeanisation of the drinks industry has gathered pace recently, countering the argument, once put forward against the single European market, that differing local tastes would continue to cause a fragmented market.

The deals that have been completed include LVMH. another French cognac and champagne group, which linked with Guinness, and Louis Roederer, a French champagne maker, which bought Ramos Pinto, the Portuguese port wine group,

There was also speculation that Grand Metropolitan would negotiate a distribution deal with Rémy Martin and Pernod Ricard, but the Highland Distilleries deal might have put an end to that. However, Grand Metropolitan is still an indirect shareholder in Rémy Martin, the cognac division of the Rémy Cointreau group, which also controls Piper Heidsieck, the champagne maker. Highland Distilleries, best

known for The Famous Grouse brand, which is Scotland's best selling whisky, and second best seller in England, aims to improve distribution of its brands of Scotch whiskies across Europe.

Distribution has been a moblem for Highland Distillcries for several decades. Only 17 per cent of the company's annual sales of 24 million bottles, come from abroad, compared with an industry average of 85 per cent. In some countries, such as Germany, the company is hardly represented, while in France, its best overseas market, it sells only 100,000 bottles a year, a sixth of sales enjoyed by Johnny Walker.

A further advantage of the deal will be Highland Distilleries' ability to cash in on the distribution profits, which over the last decade accounted for a rising proportion of total

The links between the two

A CRASH course in French is

the next item on Russell Lei-

man's career agenda, after his

promotion from chief exec-

utive of the London origi-

nated securities business of

both Credit Lyonnais and Laing & Cruickshank, its Brit-

ish offshoot, to a group pos-ition whereby he will be responsible for all Credit

Lyonnais' securities husiness

on a global basis. "That means

the international business of

New York, Tokyo, South East

Asia and Paris, as well as

London," says Leiman, aged

42. Even though he readily

admits his French is "non-

existent", he has now become

the first oon-Frenchman to be

given such a senior position. A

requirement is that he must

spend two days a week in

Paris. "It will be very challeng-

ing and it is certainly some-

thing the group needs," he

adds. "I have got to devise a

system of management so that

all the various offices feel that

what they are doing is for the

good of all. Otherwise they

will fragment into factions."

Leiman, with Laing & Cruick-

shank for two years, and with

Vickers da Costa for 18 years

before that, will be replaced in

London by Michael Kerr-Dincen, head of the firm's

KELT Energy's dramatic de-

cision to place the jewel in its tarnished crown on the mar-

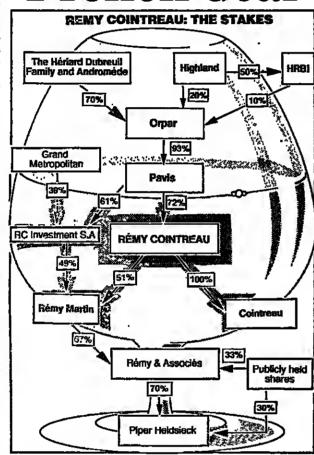
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# Grouse finds new breeding ground in French deal



THE TIMES CITY DIARY

companies date back to 1988, when Remy Cointreau's distribution subsidiary was appointed as the principal distributer of The Famous

Previously fragmented markets appear to be beginning to converge. A survey carried of recently by the French National Inter-profession Office of Wine, which studied the drinking behaviour of 12,400 and even with unification, the

western Europe - is, it seems,

typical of the man recruited to

relieve the oil and gas inde-

pendent of its crippling dehts.

Jock Green-Armytage, joint

chairman and chief executive

since January, has a reput-

ation for the unexpected and

for taking decisions others fear

to take. As a young director of

N M Rothschild, he master-

minded the dawn raid on

Guthrie Corporation for Mai-

aysia's Permodalan Nasional

Berhad. Then he whipped

Guthrie's industrial interests

into shape and brought the

company to the stock market

in 1986. When the Malaysian

government put a spanner in

the works by selling its 61 per

cent stake in Guthrie to BBA,

the motor components group,

Green-Armytage had no alter-

native but to recommend the

bid. Hubert Perrodo, Kelt

chairman and 75 per cent

shareholder, promptly re-

cruited Green-Armytage to

rescue his troubled company,

WATERFORD-WEDGWOOD

French men, showed that the with the packaging "merger" number who drink wine each between the former Metal Box day dropped from 32 per cent and Carnaud, although each of to 18 per cent during the past these cases made sound indusdecade. Instead, the French trial sense. have discovered that the However, due to the disharder liquors are mainly tribution complexity of the responsible for the country's European drinks business,

1989. Clearly undaunted by

the scale of the task, Green-

Armytage accepted and was allocated options on 15 mil-

lion shares at 31.5p each. The

shares have, however, fallen

relentlessly ever since and

now trade at 71/2p. Green-

Armytage does not own any Keit shares yet.

AN INTRIGUING new line

that has crept into Minorco's

1990 annual report, making it

more interesting than the 1989

report and revealing that the

board paid out a total of \$1.02

million last year to directors as

part of its incentive scheme.

The scheme is based on share

price appreciation over a five

to seven year period but,

sadly, individual members of

this elite club are not idemi-

fied. However, it would be

surprising if they did not include Sir Michael Edwardes,

who led the 1988-89 battle

against Consolidated Gold

Fields. Edwardes' Who's Who

entry mentions that his club

memberships include that of

Jesters, a club which appar-

ently prides itself on its sport-

CHARLOTTE Square in Ed-

inhurgh, traditionally home to

generations of Scottish fund

managers, is. it seems, slowly

losing its grip on the invest-

ment community there. Mar-

tin Currie, one of its longest-

standing residents, has

surprised other Charlotte

Currie's off

No jest

French position remains unchallenged. In Germany, a traditional beer- and schnaps-dominated drinking culture, consumption of wine, particularly by young people, is

The still noticable difference in drinking habits across Europe will be eroded further if the European Commission succeeds in standardising alcohol duties through-

The cheap wine duties in Southern Europe account for much higher wine consump-tion in France, Italy and Spain, while Northern Europeans, and the British in particular, have to pay more

Whisky is one of the drinks for which worldwide demand is rising, particularly from countries such as Japan, and East Europe, which is searching for a replacement to vodka, a drink now definitely out of fashion there.

Under the deal between the two companies, Highland Distilleries 12.7 per cent stake in Macallan-Glenlivet will fall to the French company, raising its total stake in Macallan-Glenlivet to 26 per cent, and Highland Distilleries will acquire a French-owned malt whisky distillery in Scotland.

The French company will be allowed to build up a stake in Highland Distilleries of np to 10 per cent through open market purchases.

The deal shows that the European integration is being carried out in continental, and not traditional British style, cross-shareholdings and distribution arrangements and not through takeovers.

The past experience of Anthe British had a minority, has not always been happy, as

position at the top of the more link-ups seem in-world's alcohol consumed per evitable.

person table. France was followed by East Germany, with WOLFGANG MUNCHAU West Germany third place, European Business Correspondent

cently. Such a move, by a firm

known for its conservatism,

has apparently set tongues

wagging among employees of its former neighbours, among

them Ivory & Sime and

Stewart Ivory, with some wondering if they too should be thinking about moving. Baillie Gifford, which has

offices just off the square, has

Caledonian Hotel, and Dun-

edin Fund Managers, moved

out in November 1987. But

some habits die hard. For

Martin Currie, anxious to

recreate the same rarefied atmosphere, has been care-

fully moving its prized an-

tique Georgian furniture into

the new offices. It might,

however, look a little out of

place in the new building,

which locals have unflatter-

ingly dubbed "the bole in the

ground", because of the long

RICHARD Jones, leader of the

leisure research team at Panmure Gordon, is leaving

for a position in Singapore.

Jones, aged 25, who has spent three years building up the team, will join Baring Securities next month to focus on Malaysian and Singapore markets. "I have always liked the agent"

the area," says Jones, who had

hoped to be posted to Hong

Kong but is more than happy

with the eventual choice. "I am

making a complete break with

the leisure sector, but may do

some work on hotels at first."

time it took to construct.

ken space behind the

left with debts of more than £200 million after the hostile takeover of Carless Capel in Centre, which opened re-

### **TEMPUS** Wedgwood's shattered glass

NO AMOUNT of boardroom the cost of Ir£1.7 million, and tub-thumping can quite every management sinew will drown the sound of shattering now, it seems, be bent into glass at Waterford Wedgwood. At best, it was careless of the new management to allow the Irish workforce to down tools

for three months within weeks of finalising its rescue package with Tony O'Reilly's con-sortium. That strike cost Ir£10 way in Germany. million by the end of the first six months and will also slice into second-half earnings. It also cost the board a large

chunk of what little confidence the rescue plan had begun to restore. What last April's Ir£96.2 million (£86.8 million) cash

injection did achieve was a dramatic improvement in the balance sheet, slashing debt from Ir£145.3 million to future earnings and yielding Ir£34.9 million in the 12 10 per cent is either in a months and reducing gearing to 20 per cent. This will affect the profit

and loss account more fully in the second six months, although it cut the first-half interest charge by £600,000 to Irish brokers believe that,

given no fresh lurch in the world economy, the group could break even io the second half, although whether that will be good enough for the board to make a final dividend payment is anyone's

Attempts to launch new brands have been scrapped, at million.

exploiting the Waterford name through a wider product

range.

The long-term plan is to source these abroad — a pilot operation is already under

The short-term problem is to sell the idea to the Irish trade unions. Having seen the damage that industrial strife can inflict, investors will continue to regard the shares, at 18p, as speculative, despite the value in the brand names.

TIP Europe

CONVENTIONAL wisdom would have it that a company selling on just five times' parlous state financially or at the least in a highly speculative business.

But TIP Europe is in the relatively stable trailer-rental business and, while the fullyear figures to end-June were decidedly unexciting, the market confidently expects the company to do at least as well

Operating profits up 58 per cent to £29.3 million could not match a 68 per cent turnover increase, while higher interest rates after befty capital investment left pre-tax profits just 22 per cent higher at £15.5

But for contributions from acquisitions and a change in depreciation policy, the pretax line would actually have been some £800,000 lower.

The share price during the past year has more than anticipated the slowdown. The shares, which came to the market early in 1988 at 125p, have dropped from a high of 210p this February to 74p yesterday, off another 2p on receipt of the results.

The company now says it will be cutting capital spending to little more than a tenth last year's £70 million, with a consequent reduction in borrowings. Most of the damage last year came from this country, where utilisation rates of about 70 per cent sent profits into a nosedive.

With TIP now claiming that Britain has bottomed out, £16 million pre-tax lnoks achievable this year. Hardly a raging buy in the current uncertainty, but the shares look to have reached their low.

Pict Petroleum

SHARES in Britain's dwindling band of independent exploration and production companies have risen steadily in recent weeks, reflecting the sharp increase in oil prices. The exception is Pict Petroleum, whose shares still trail estimates for net asset value.

unlisted securities market, were down 1 p at 123p after the company, which has a broad spread of interests in the North Sea, returned net in-come of £2.3 million for the year to end-June, against a

deficit of £399,000 last time. Earnings of 6.22p a share compared with last year's deficit of 1.45p. Again, there is no dividend, but with the Ivanhoe, Rob Roy and Hamish oilfields in the North Sea now well into their first year of production, the company can be expected to begin paying a dividend in respect of 3.75 per cent interest in the near firture.

Analysts value the company's assets, which also include 0.69 per cent of the Claymore field and 1.88 per cent of Scott, at between 165p and 180p a share. The company expects its production profile to rise to about 2,500 barrels per day in the current year and has based its own estimates of forward earnings on a price of \$20 a barrel. The weak dollar will offset some of the benefits of higher oil prices, but the upside is clearly evident.

However, with Amerada Hess holding 48 per cent of Pict's shares, the price is unlikely to reflect the potential. New investors will be taking a gamble on Amerada's the City's most conservative long-term plans for the

# Ex-steel chief aims to be an airline leader

A FORMER steel magnate, who sold his stockholding company to British Steel for £330 million, has unveiled plans which, if successful, could make him one of the leaders of Britain's airline

industry.

Jack Walker, who sold Walkersteel earlier this year, has invested more than £30 million in Jersey European Airways. The company is poised to pick up the pieces of the disintegrating British air-hine industry, which has been badly hit by spiralling fuel costs and the downturn in the economy.

While other airlines are cutting back in the face of rising fuel prices, Mr Walker has spotted what be is convinced is a gap in the market for an independent airline flying between regional cities, by-passing the main hub air-

The Walker Aviation Group of Companies set up Spacegrand, an airline, in Blackpool in 1980, with only one five-seater aircraft. In 1985, the group took over Jersey European Airways and merged it with Spacegrand, with the joint operation trad-ing under the Jersey European Airways name.

By concentrating on providing air services from small regional airports and keeping costs to a minimum, Mr Walker has built up Jersey European Airways from a small specialist operator to one of the most successful airlines in Europe.

Now the airline is hoping to cash in on the cutbacks being forced on many of its bigger competitors by introducing direct flights from Man-chester, Birmingham, Stansted and Southampton to a wide range of domestic cities. Jersey European has

strengthened its management

team, ordered six new propel-

ler driven aircraft and invested in a new corporate identity. Five years ago the airline carried 160,000 passengers and had a turnover of less than f9 million. This year the not interested in any buy-company expects to carry outs," Mr Walker said yes-460,000 passengers and terday. "The downturn in the

than £26 million. Jersey European claims to CAROL LEONARD | be the last remaining truly

achieve a turnover of more



Jack Walker: Hoping to cash in on airline cutbacks

and is taking advantage of the government's determination to bolster domestic competition by applying for licences to fly direct from

works and to shed routes that

cam no longer sustain high cost

independent British airline equipment, Such routes wil be attractive to Jersey European whose costs are signficantly

Many aviation experts believe, however, that the future regional airports such as of regional airlines could be Blackpool, Bristol and Exeter.

Already several larger comnumber of international buypetitors have made ap- outs and marketing links and

Taking advantage of the government's determination to bolster domestic competition by applying for licences to fly direct from regional airports'

proaches to take over the the aggressive competition on company. Mr Walker, who regional services from large says he is determined not to multi-national carriers. expand too fast, is, however, pledged to resist all overtures. "We will definitely make it

It is a view not shared by Mr Walker and his new management. They are determined to under our own steam and are take advantage of the freedom afforded to British airlines to compete with each other in the increasingly liberal European industry will force many carri- aviation industry. ers to reconsider their net-

HARVEY ELLIOTT

# European ties urged for food retailers

BRITAIN'S major super-market groups will have to consider diversifying into overseas markets, according to Alistair Grant, chairman and chief executive of Argyll Group, the Safeway super-

market company.

Speaking at the Verdict conference on international retailing, Mr Grant said Sainsbury, Tesco, Argyll and Asda all belong to the top 70 UK companies but only Sainsbury could claim to be a significant player in markets other than UK food retailing. Sainsbury owns the DIY chain Homebase and has Shaws supermarkets in America. By contrast nearly every company in the top 50 has a presence in overseas markets. Mr Grant said that one reason Britain's food retailers had not diversified so far was the potential for continuing strong sales and profit growth in the UK. But the supermarket groups were considering diversification as part of their medium to long term plan. The five main supermarket groups, including Galeway, constitute over 60 per cent of the grocery market in Britain and would not be able to grow by acquiring each other because of monopoly considerations.

Argyll has made a tentative move into Europe through an alliance with several European supermarket groups. The European Retail Alliance (ERA) is a partnership of Argyll, the Dutch group Ahold and the French group Casino with each partner holding a £35 million stake in the

Mr Grant said that Argyll had chosen the partnership route into Europe because the scope for growth hy acquistion in Europe was limited. "Contested takeovers are not a strong feature of corporate development in Europe. The chances of acquiring a first class husiness with real scale are slim," he said.

Other British supermarket groups have been watching Argyll's European activities with interest and Mr Grant says the ERA alliance is already beginning to pay dividends.

GILLIAN BOWDITCH

30 BUSINESS AND FINANCE

# Plan for corporate disputes to be settled out of court

to introduce American-style board. peaceful resolution of corporate disagreements.

Express, Ford, Smiths Industries, Grand Metropolitan and Trafalgar House, are founder members of the centre for dispute resolution (CEDR), a new body that aims 10 short-circuit the often time-

PROPOSALS to settle com- Confederation of British In- mated \$49 million in legal mercial disputes out of court dustry. Sir Alex Jarrett, the costs by using ADR techare to be launched next month chairman of Smiths Inniques, and during a two-year

called alternative dispute but one of 140 commercial Large companies, including resolution (ADR). The prindisputes. industrial relations disputes. such as those practised in Britain by Acas, the conciliation service.

ADR has been used in America for more than ten years. The Center for Public Resources, the main American ADR body, based in New

in the first altempt in Europe dustries, will chair the CEDR period, the Australian Commercial Dispute Centre used The centre will offer so- ADR methods to resolve all

Under ADR, Acas-style BAT, ICI, Costain, American ciples of ADR follow tra-Express, Ford, Smiths In-ditional methods of resolving conciliation is practised between the parties to a dispute, coaxing them towards a deal without extensive use of lawyers. Other techniques such as mediation, where an outsider recommends a deal, are also available.

CEDR, which will be a nonprofit making body, will be launched on November 14. It claims to be the first centre in Europe to offer ADR tech-

Eileen Carroll, a partner in Turner Kenneth Brown, the City law firm, has spent the last 18 months establishing CEDR. She said that Europe could not afford to ignore

Karl Mackie, a Nottingham University lawyer who is also CEDR chief executive, said: "We are trying to educate business, and we are trying to educate the professionals."

CEDR says it will be able to resolve cases more quickly and cheaply, without losing the option of litigation if necessary. ADR cases can also be dealt with in private, unlike court cases, so maintaining commercial confidentiality.

Turriff builds to half-time £1.6m



Hard hat and harder times ahead: John Wyatt

(Matthew Bond writes).

However, the company, where John Wyatt is chief executive, has given warning that the rate of increase is unlikely to be maintained in the second half. The interim dividend stays at 4.25p.

Astley Whittall, the chairman, said the outcome for the orated in the second quarter.

TURRIFF Corporation, the full year was largely depenconstruction, plant hire and dent on property sales being personnel group, has in-completed during the period. creased its pre-tax profits by Five joint venture develop-12 per cent to £1.65 million in ments are due to be sold, with the six months to end-June a total value estimated at about £9.5 million.

Plant hire, where competition has resulted in much lower returns, and housebuilding activities are both under pressure. Although Turriff sold 30 properties in the first half, against 55 in the whole of last year, sales deteriHK official dismisses Jardine's complaints

> From LULU YU IN HONG KONG

ROBERT OWEN, the chairman of Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission, has attacked Jardine Matheson's "campaign to criticise regulators."

In a statement that underscored the long-running feud between some Hong Kong business executives and securities watchdogs, Mr Owen dismissed Jardine's complaints. He said: "Jardine appears again to be engaged in a campaign to criticise regu-lators and government. This time it is for applying securities requirements to Bermudadomiciled companies listed on the stock exchange."

Mr Owen's remarks came general counsel, said on Mon-day that the stock exchange and the SFC were trying to extend Hong Kong's rules and regulations to foreign compurpose of re-domiciling.

Six years ago, Jardine, a buge trading house, started a trend by switching its base to Bermuda amid fears of the colony's return to China in 1997. Now more than a third of Hong Kong's 290 public firms are incorporated in tax havens abroad.

after Gregory Terry, Jardine's panies, thus defeating the

Mr Terry said: "These companies want a foreign passport so that they can feel confident in remaining in Hong Kong." Jardine's complaints include the exchange's ban on share buy-backs,

# EUROTUNNEL YOU COULD

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consuming and expensive legal resolution of disputes between companies. can ADR body, based in New
The founding of CEDR is York, has 350 member comalso being backed by four of panies, including many from the principal British account he Fortune 500. tancy practices, a oumber of In 1988, 61 leading Ameri-leading City law firms and the can companies saved an esti-Cairn takes CEP stake

burgh independent oil and gas shares, amounting to 5 per company, is taking a minority cent of the company's enstake in a subsidiary of larged share capital. Compagnie Europeene des The blocks have a gross area Petroles, the French company

equivalent to almost 40 North which holds a 22.5 per cent Sea blocks. A three-well interest in acreage offshore exploration programme began earlier this month. Cairn will Cairn is acquiring a 22.22 be carried for all costs of per cent interest in CEP exploration and appraisal Viennam 17 & 21. named after activity on the blocks, but will the two blocks which are its bear 5 per cent of any development cost in the event of a CEP will receive 1.22 mil- commercial discovery.

firmed lp to 31p after the

long-awaited bid from Grove-

wood Securities, which al-

ready owns 23.4 per cent.

Grovewood is offering one of

its own shares for every share

in PM. The all-paper offer

values PM at 35p a share, or

£4.94 million. JMB Realty

holds a 28 per cent stake and is

expected to accept despite

suffering a large trading loss

Grovewood also intends to

raise £13.75 million by an

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Grovewood's price responded

to the news with a fall of 6p to

Standard Chartered, the

troubled international bank-

ing group, hardened lp to

268p. Tan Sri Khoo Teck

Puat, the businessman based

in Singapore, continued to

raise his bolding with the purchase of 2 million shares.

This takes bis holding to 15.1

million, or 7.34 per cent.

Standard has been under a

cloud recently amid growing

concern about the group's

level of bad debts. It is

esumated to have £50 million

of short-term loans with Polly

Peck. Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat

was one of the white squires

who rescued Standard from an

unwanted bid by Lloyds Bank

in 1986. In those days, its price

chairman, is on the board, fell

7p to 28p, still overshadowed

The big four clearing banks spent a dull day. National

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was trading at about 800p.

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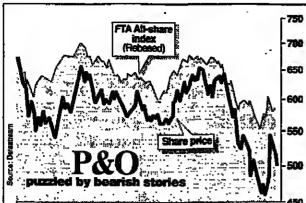
THE P&O shipping, property and housebuilding group, was forced to navigate some murky waters, its price sinking 18p to 501p ofter a bear raid on the shares.

Talk that the group was about to announce a big rights issue because of problems in its property division saw the price fall as low as 492p before some bear covering allowed it to close off the bottom. Heavy turnover in the traded options market also set alarm bells ringing. One leading broker is believed to have bought 200 put options, equivalent to 200,000 shares, in the November 500 series.

A spokesman for P&O said was "absolutely no truth" in any of the speculation in the market. P&O teamed with Chelsfield, a private property company. earlier this year to pay £492 million for Laing Properties.

The rest of the equity market spent another lacklustre day with prices drifting as a result of lack of support by fund managers and further downward pressure oo the FT-SE 100 December series in the futures market. A firmer start to trading on Wall Street enabled prices to close above their lowest. The FT-SE 100 index finished 15.6 down at 2.068.0, having been almost 23 points lower. The turnover Kleinwort's total losses are news of a rights issue. Manof 545 million shares was about £34 million. boosted by the Premier Consolidated Oilfields placing and a £40 million program trade by Smith New Court, the broker. The FT index of 30

Premier fell 4p to 83p after Dutch energy group, were Kleinwort Benson, the securi-revived, SHV holds almost 10 ties house, finally decided to per cent of Burmah. cut its losses and dispose of its near 30 per cent holding. The 110p before its figures today. 137.7 million shares were There was talk that the figures



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placed with various institumight be accompanied by a tions by a rival broker, Cazenove, at 78p a share. Kleinwort bought the shares

from Burmah at 99p in August and tried to place them with institutions at 103p, but other market-makers spoilt the business by marking the price sbarply lower. It is estimated that interest charges on the deal were approaching £400,000 a week and that suspended in Paris before the

full bid for Geest, the banana importer, 12p better at 270p. The two are believed to have

Predential Corporation slipped 2/2p to 206/2p amid claims that it was ready to sell its Mercantile & General subsidiary to Axa-Midi, the French group, for £700 million. Axa-Midi shares were

Talk of a delay in the publication of the circular detailing Brent Walker's £103 million convertible capital bond issue was doing the rounds, sending the price tumbling 24p to 60p in late trading. Dealers say that investors will stay shy of the ordinary shares until it is published, giving market-makers little option but to mark the price lower.

The Kleinwort price dropped 6p to 281p after

touching 279p. Burniah, which this week launched a £236 million bid shares ended 12.5 off at for Foseco, Ip dearer at 278p, 1.600.8. Government securi- shrugged off its recent gloom ties sported gains of £1/2 at the with a rise of 6p to 466p as stories of a bid from SHV, the

Albert Fisher beld steady at

power, the American employment agency that once traded under the name of Blue Arrow, fell 31/2p to 491/2p as it bolidays group where the sis-emerged that the £106 million ter of Asil Nadir, Polly Peck's sale of Brook Street Bureau has run ioto further difficulties. Brook Opportunities, the buyout group, is not able to meet the terms of its contract and is asking for a reduction in the price. The make beadway with a rise of bankers backing the buyout said last week that they ob-

iected to the terms.

gaining 3p to 190p. MICHAEL CLARK Denotes latest trading price

# **Setback for Dow** in early trading

falling shares outnumbering lower at 1,440.79.

the general market. ings and disillusionment at index closed 8.97 Washington's failure to agree higher at 2,958.54. on a plan for the American Sydney - Spurred by a budget. The Dow average fell by 35 points on Tuesday. • Frankfurt - Prices closed

utive day in lifeless trading. The Dax index fell-sharply at the start, pushed down by weakness on Wall Street on Tuesday and fears that Ger- public boliday.

THE Dow Jones industrial poor third-quarter carnings. average was 4 points lower at But the Dax stabilised at lower 2,377.19 in early trading with levels, finishing 19.93 points

rises by about five to three in Hong Kong - Stocks closed firmer, climbing by several Blue chips were lower under points after having spent the weight of investors' wor- much of the day locked in ries about the prospect of tight ranges in fairly shim disappointing corporate earn- turnover. The Hang Seng

weaker local currency, investors gained renewed conlower for the second consec- closed slightly firmer in choppy trading. The All-Ordinaries index

closed 4.8 points up at 1,341.7. Singapore was closed for a

### Strong yen lifts Nikkei

PRICES closed higher after 1.07 per cent, at 23,859.36. The volume of 600 million

closed up 253.26 points, or have reached a peak prompted

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### Readiness obligation was condition of contract

Compagnie Commerciale Su-Compagnie Commerciale Su-cres et Denrées v C, condition of the contract? Czarnikow Ltd Canada 15, 1986, the buyers

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle

[Speeches October 11] An obligation in rule 14 of the Rules relating to Contracts of the Refioed Sugar Association to have sugar available for loading without delay as soon as the vessel was ready to load the cargo was a condition of the contract any breach of which could be treated by the buyer as bringing the contract to an end.

The House of Lords so held Lord Brandon dissenting in part allowing an appeal by C. Czarnikow Lld. the buyers, from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss; Sir Michael Kerr dissenting! ([1989] 2 Lloyd's Rep 462) on July 13. 1989, of an appeal by the buyers from a decision of Mr

Justice Gatehouse given on November 3, 1988. On an appeal by the sellers. Compagnie Commerciale Su-cres et Denrees, from an arbitration award dated May 12, 1988, of the Council of the Refined Sugar Association, Mr Justice Gatehouse, in the Commercial Court, had set aside the award which had held that the sellers had been in breach and repudiation of the contract between the parties for the sale of sugar. The council had awarded damages to the buyers with interest and costs.

Mr David Johnson, OC and Mr Duncan Matthews for the buyers: Mr Martin Moore-Bick. QC. and Mr Stephen Males for

LORD BRANDON, agreeing with Lord Ackner that rule 14 imposed on the sellers an obliga-tion to have the sugar available for loading immediately on the arrival of the ship at the loading port, dissented on the question whether that rule was a con-dition of the contract.

LORD ACKNER said that on December 11, 1985, the huyers entered into a contract with the sellers on the Assuc Sugar Contract No 2 form for the purchase of 12,000 tonnes of white crystal sugar at a price of FFr1,425 net per tonne net on f.o.b. stowed terms. The con-tract incorporated the Rules relating to Contracts of the Refined Sugar Association of

The appeal raised essentially two questions, both of which were easier to state than to answer. They were: (1) Did rule answer. They were (1) Lio rue 14 impose on the sellers an obligation to have the sugar available to begin loading immediately on the arrival of the ship at the loading port and

in making an ouster order excluding the husband from occupation of the matrimonial

home, the judge erred in delay-ing the effect of the order in the hope that the court in the meanwhile would defermine the

right of occupancy of the house as between the parties.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Butter-Sloss) so held on October

2 in allowing an appeal by the write from Judge Starforth Hill,

QC, who on August 15, in Southsmptoo County Court,

Dunsire v Dunsire

Ouster order error

vessel Naxos to Int till contract quantity, e.t.a. Dunkirk, May 29/31, 1986.

Naxos presented for loading on May 29 but, despite repeated calls by the buyers and a warning given on May 27 that if loading did not commence on May 29 the sellers would be held in default, the sellers did not have the sugar ready to be

delivered. On June 3, the buyers Telexed the setters setting out, inter alia, those facts, recording the sellers' failure to deliver, holding the sellers to be in default for not having provided the cargo and informing them that the buyers treated the contract as ter-minated. They further informed the sellers that they had pured a replacement cargo at

FFr1,500 per tonne.
In due course the buyers' claim for the difference between the contract price and the market price on June 3, together with a claim for loss of despatch which they alleged they would have earned had the Naxos not remained idle while waiting for a cargo from the sellers, was

a cargo from the seliers, was submitted to arbitration pursu-ant to rule 4 of the Rules of the Refined Sugar Association.

The arbitrators found in fa-your of the buyers both in relation to their claim for the difference between the contract price and the market price and their claim for loss of despatch. The arbitrators were of the ciew that contracts, as in the

instant case, were often con-cluded with a reasonably long period of delicery and at a price which pre-supposed the bucers' rights to call for delivery at any time having given reasonable

That was a caluable option which the buyers would lose if the sellers were entitled to deliver whenever they were willing and able to do so providing it was within the delicery period. That would turn a huyers' option into a sellers' option.

It was important that the buyers should have the right to call for delicery at any time. having given reasonable notice for the sugar called forward to be acailable to begin loading immediately on the arrival of the vessel at the loading port.
It was right to conclude that on its proper construction rule 14 imposed on the sellers an express obligation of which they were in breach by June 3.

The second question was whether that obligation was a condition of the contract. In Bunge Corporation, New York v Tradax Export S.I. Panamu ([1981] | WLR 711. 716). Lord Wilberforce, having stated that the courts should not be too ready to interpret contractual clauses as con-

ordered, mucr alia, that the

husband vacate the matrimonial home on October 30.

SLOSS said that if it was right to

make an ouster order, then the judge was bound by Chadda r Chadda (1981) 11 Fam Law 142] and Burke r Burke ([1987]

2 FLR 71) to make the order effective immediately and not

delay cacanion of the house for longer than two or three weeks.

it was wrong to make the ousier order as a sort of "long stop" if the right to occupy the house

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-

cases the courts should not be reluctant, if the intentions of the gave notice to the sellers for the vessel Naxos to lift full contract so indicated, to hold that an quantity, e.t.a. Dunkirk May obligation had the force of a condition and that indeed they should usually do so in the case of time clauses in mercantile contracts: see also Halshury's Laws of England 14th edition

(1974) vol 9, pp337-338, paras 481-482). The present contract was and rule 14 could properly be described as a time clause. It imposed an obligation to have the goods called forward available for loading at a definite point of time and as soon as the vessel presented herself ready to

load within the contract period. The performance by the sellers of that obligation did not involve questions of degree as in Bremer Handelsgesellschaft inbH r Vanden Avenne-Izegent PVBA ([1978] 2 Lloyd's Rep

In Bentsen v Toylor, Sons & Co [[1893] 2 QB 274, 2811 Lord Justice Bowen said: "There is no way of deciding that question except by looking at the contract in the light of the surrounding circumstances, and then making up one's mind whether the intention of the parties, will intention of the parties . . . will best be carried out by treating

the promise as a warranty sounding only in damages or as a condition precedent by the failure to perform which the other party is relieved of his liability: see also Lord Justice Kerr in State Trading Curpora-tion of Indio Ltd v M. Golodett Ltd [[1989] 2 Lloyd's Rep 277.

The arbitrators, in the present case, considered rule 14 as being of the utmost importance and that under the rule the buyers were entitled to prompt delivery of a cargo so that the cargo would be available to fulfil onward commitments.

The arbitrators did not accept that payment of demurrage would adequate compensation for the buyers. They considered that the buyers had paid for a valuable option which they would lose if the sellers were arbital to deliver when the continue to the control of entitled to deliver whenever they were willing and able to do so providing it was within the delivery period.

The evaluation by the experienced trade tribunal of the
commercial significance of the
rule was wholly justified. The
rule was crucially important to
the buyers since it removed the risk that the absence or insufficiency of cargo would be a cause of delay. The rule tended to provide certainty which was such an indispensable ingredient of mercantile comracts. Lord Bridge, Lord Oliver and Lord Jauncey agreed with Lord

Solicitors: William A. Crump. Southwark; Richards Butler.

Corrections

In Practice Direction (Crawn Court: Fraud Triuls) (The Times October 101 under the Midland

In R v Lambeth LBC, Ex parte

Secretary of State for the Environment The Times October 9) Mr Nigel Giffin appeared as junior counsel for Lambeth in the Court of Appeal, in place of Mr Alan Wilkie, who had appeared in the Divisional

and Oxford heading, Stallord should replace Straiford. In In re Ready Mixed Con-crete (The Times October 15) Linnells, Witney.



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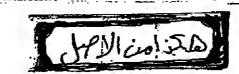
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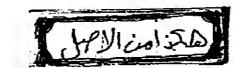
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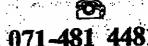


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# Making the switch to a lighter note

Size and weight make the clarinet a difficult instrument for children to learn, but now

there is a new design, Anthony Cox writes

presented his new clarinet to the proat this summer's British Music Fair at Olympia, he claimed to have "a really busy stand — the fair absolutely proved the

The first of the commercially available Lyons C clarinets will roll off the production line this month at £129 — about half the cost of a traditional clarinet - in highly original cylindrical cases that can also be used as percussion

The new clarinet has been a long time in the making. Mr Lyons first thought of it in 1978, but found little support for the idea from the manufacturers of musical instru-

Eventually he decided to try and raise the seedcorn capital from leading musicians so that he could make the clarinet himself. Tweoty-two famous musicians, including Sir Charles Groves, John Dankworth and Humphrey

hen Graham Lyons Lyttelton, agreed to give him their

support.
According to Mr Lyons, an experienced woodwind teacher, the average seven-year-old can hardly hold the standard clarinet. "As a teacher, I could see the painfully slow progress of many children who were held back by the physical, not musical, prob-

lems of the clarinet," he says.

The Lyons clarinet is in the key of C, rather than the conventional B-flat of the standard clarinet, and weighs less than a third of the conventional instrument. He says it is easier, and more encouraging, to play. "It is also good for adult learners. In fact, it is good for ages seven to 11 and for people from 60 to 80," Mr Lyons says.
"The average seven-year-old

will he able to get down to the lowest note on the new clarinet within a week and play over a range of two and a half octaves within two months. It would take two years to do that on a standard

Mr Lyons has his marketing eye



An incentive to persevere: woodwind teacher Graham Lyons found that the weight of the conventional clarinet hindered learning, which affected enthusiasm

on the 2.5 million schoolchildren who play the recorder and the 70,000 to 80,000 children who take up - and all too frequently put down - the standard clarinet

every year.
"I have been demonstrating the prototype of the C clarinet for a year and a half. Interest was slow to start with, but now is overwhelming. There has also been a

lot of interest from abroad," be

says.

Teachers in nearly 40 education aothorities have ordered the Lyons C. Critics of the new instrument say that it is not a "real" clarinet, mainly because of its lightness and plastic keys, but Mr Lyons challenges this view, as he does the criticism that there is a lack of suitable music for a C clarinet. "There is probably 30 times more music available to the child. C is like sea level — it is a standard. Anyone with a C in-strument can read any other C instrument part. Someone with a B-flat instrument is restricted. The C clarinet can also play B-flat clarinet music a tone up," he says. Others have argued that learn-

Lyoos's answer to that is that fewer than 10 per cent of students make that kind of progress. The great majority can happily play jezz or classical music and take grade examinations with the more ing the C instrument is a waste of

simple C clarioet. For Mr Lyons, aged 54, who was

time if students then have to learn

the B-flat ciarinet in order to play

in a wind band or orchestra. Mr

sent down from Oxford when a physics student for playing jazz all the time, the new instrument is likely to produce greater numbers of B-flat clarinet players, "It so much less discouraging for the beginner than the standard instrument," he says.

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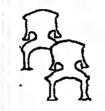
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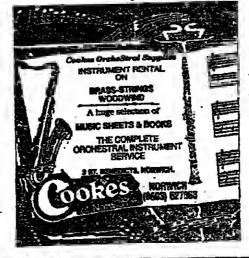
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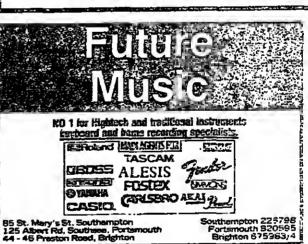
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### Oakland A's are mortalised in the baseball park by the underdogs of Cincinnati

# When the ossum played possum

Cincinnati
OSSUM. That was the word for the Oakland A's in the build-up to the World Series. A truly ossum ball club. The question was not whether they would win: they began the series as overwhelming favourites. The question was whether or not they would establish themselves as a die-

A die-nasty is a club that changes personnel and re-mains effortlessly dominant. Liverpool are a die-nasty: Liverpool are ossum, too.

The A's are making their third successive appearance in the World Series. The series is played on a first-to-sevenwins basis, and A's won 4-0 last year. Ossum. They reached the series this year by beating Boston 4-0. Ossum again: relentless, grinding, mechanical excellence.

They took oo the Cincinnati Reds in the first game of the series on Tuesday night. A mismatch, obviously. Some-one said that the A's represent a martini with an olive. The Reds are a beer-and-shot. That translates as hunky, but not sophisticated enough.

The scoreline was 7-0. which was the sort of thing people had been predicting. Except that the victory went

Ah, you can travel the world, and see a thousand different sports, but some and flourished. The A's were, seeo just the same uoderdog challenge.

able. The top teams fear a bad start: a momentary faltering of stride can germinate the seed of doubt. And then you are off fifth, they loaded the bases: a

SIMON BARNES

relishes sport can fail to enjoy. Everyone loves to see underdogs win: are we not all underdogs, after all?

The A's needed a start that would give a foothold to their arrogance, but Jose Rijo, pitching for the Reds, threw a venomous scoreless first inning. Well, not a problem: Rijo is a man the A's traded three years ago. The A's have pitchers better than he: notably Dave Stewart, who pitched their first game. Stewart is as ossum as they come.

Stewart had his first batter caught in the outfield, theo Hatcher drew a walk (an advance to first base awarded because of innaccurate pitching). Stewart struck out the next man. In came Eric Davis, injured and short oo power. He walloped his first pitch out of the park for a two-run home run: it was one of those splendidly dramatic moments that occurs in sport the world

No hurrying, oo scurrying. Davis dropped his head for a moment, discarded his bat, and then jogged easily around the bases. "I knew right away I had enough oo it to get it out of the park," he said. "It was a low fastball."

times it seems that everywhere in a stroke, mortalised, you go is the same place. I "They're the champs," the have covered the same story Reds' manager, Lou Piniella, io South Korea and at Home said. They will come out Park, Plymoute, and every- tomorrow with fire in their where in between, and have eyes. I hope we're ready for the

Underdogs generally need a good start, something to make the incredible seem believ-A's established a threatening position, but each time they failed to profit from it. In the

**GAME ONE FACTS** 

Game One (at Cincinnati)

0 Runs 9 Hrts 7 10

PITCHING: Oakland: Stewart, Burns (5th Inning), Nelson (5), Sanderson (7), Eckersley (8) and Stembach; Cinchinati: Rijo, Dibble (8), Myers (9) and Oliver. Winning pitcher: Rijo (1-0 in senes); loser: Stewart (0-1). Home runs: Cinchinati: Davis (1).

home run would have tied the

That is the particular beauty of baseball: one second of time could change the course of the night and nullify two hours of sweat and inspiration. One second: and a matter of

millimetres. In the contact of round bat and round ball there is little margin for error. You cannot hit a jammy home run: the contact has to be be perfect. It has been claimed (mostly by baseball people, admittedly) that a perfect hit is the hardest feat of coordination in sport.

Well, that perfect connexion is exactly what Mark McGwire failed to make. With the Reds deep in trouble, and those four runs waiting to be belted in, he hit slightly beneath the ball and up it went, a routioe catch, the sort that baseball players make with quite absurd oonchalance. The Reds had been let off: "It was a slider, and honestly, it was not one of my best pitches of the night." Rijo said. "I had bad location, but I got away

It was, then, a night of archetypal sport an underdog victory. They are happening all over the world, as I say but not quite in the same way. For example, all the players, managers and coaches wore an American flag patch on their uniforms, answering a request from the United Services Organisation to demonstrate their support for members of the armed forces in the Gulf.

"As much as anything in this great land of ours, base-ball is America." Admiral William J. Crowe Jr, USN (ret), said, "This patriotic gesture indicates throughout the world that the American people stand behind their

Marge Schott, the famously eccentric owner of the Reds, offered a pre-game prayerette for the boys "in the Far-East". Her dog, the almost equally famous Schottzie, stood beside her. The simple emotions of sport are understood and enjoyed the world over. Sport can also be used to expose vast gulfs in understanding. A beautiful young serviceman sang The Star-Spangled Banner as gloriously as the young German sang his patriotic song in Cabaret. Schottzie

an anomaly which ought to be

Sir. Of all the controversies that

surround the various types of

tie-break, surely the craziest of the lot must be the version

according to the organisers of the Dunhill Cup. Despite the

Japanese playing record of one, two halves and no defeats, they

out after a sudden-death play-

for various other spurious rea-

sons degrades the proceedings to

side, however talented, will

make errors. Whilst the object is to win, it is not so at all costs.

tours abroad by the four coun-

tries with international caps

being awarded, and other club

competitions, loyalties and the

time factor place a strain on players who might be a Barbar-

of clubs to indulge in political "hot polatoes" such as the Romanian and South African

situations. It is the job of th

various rugby unions after full consultation and agreement.

4. Going back over the years, the annual fixture list comprised

six games; four at Easter in Wales and two against versus Leicester and the East Mid-lands. A seventh was added at

the request of the Rugby Foot-

ball Union when the expense of

an overseas touring side was unlikely to reach target. The

Easter tour to Wales was re-duced to two because many of

those chosen simply could not spare the five days involved. 5. The Barbarian RUFC has

no money, so it cannot indulge

in arranging new fixtures; it has

in the first instance to be

invited, with the hosts guar-

6. The dismal future sug-

7. To say that once you have

stopped playing, you never hear from them is not true. Derek

Wyatt was invited and attended

I think it is a great pity when a

player who has received the

nighest honours the game can

bestow puts pen to paper criticising the administrators: in

this case, unpaid elected volun-

teers. There is an odour of

carping and whingeing.

RAIPH W. F. SAMPSON.

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Yours sincerely

gested will not happen if the Barbarians club remains exclu-

sive, which I'm sure it will.

the recent centenary dinner.

anteging the expense involved.

3. It is not within the province

2. With the advent of leagues.

A tie-break is fine in the event

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ian first choice.

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STEPHEN ACTON.



Bat-breaking work: McGwire, of the A's, finds a ball from Rijo too hot to handle

### SPORTS LETTERS

### Dunhill Cup played according to the rules

From Mr Stephen Acton
Sir, I watched the closing stages of the England v Japan Dunhill Cup semi-final on BBC television, at first with growing irritation as neither Peter Alliss nor Harry Carpenter spelt out the position with precision as Howard Clark and Satoshi Higashi were playing the 18th hole: then with astonishmen! when I appreciated this was because the commentators were not sufficiently aware of the rules; and finally with incredulity as I gradually realised what

those rules were. But, as the rules were set out in The Times (October 15). there can be no doubt whatso ever that, contrary to the view of your golf correspondent. Mitch-ell Platts, the tournament organisers were correct in their interpretation. Of the three paragraphs, the first two make clear that winning matches are awarded one point cach, but there is a notable omission in those paragraphs to deal with

halved matches at all. Were the rule to end there,

Public safety

### Welsh choice

From Douglas Stewart Sir. I was interested to read your report (October 15) that the sports minister is to produce a set of draft planning guidelines to be brought into account when

Whilst the thrust of your article suggests that conserva-tion issues are the main aim of the guidelines, equally I think consideration has to be given to the safety of members of the public whose interests may be jeopardised by the obvious danger from flying golf balls.

ered for creation of new golf

I recently attended a meeting with representatives of the Departments of the Environdicated that they were unaware of any guidelines about whether or not a particular course would example, to road users.

There is no lack of legal authority about the duty of care owed to members of the public who may be injured and in those circumstances I hune that if this present set of draft proposals does not cover this aspect criteria are announced recommending minimum dis-tances for holes to be placed away from other members of the public including, in particular, road users. Personal safety is no less vital than environmental protection.

Yours faithfully. DOUGLAS STEWART. 63 Lincoln's Inn Fields,

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046. They should include a daytime telephone number. counted, with a result that Japan side is ahead after all three ought to have gone through 1-0. matches have completed 18 But the third paragraph then deals specifically with what is to quarrel with the view that this is happen when a match is level after 18 holes, and that is that that match should be decided by "sudden death". Clearly this paragraph must be read together pressly dealing with the earlier

But, even more clearly, the paragraph specifically provides that a sudden-death play-off shall take place "if players in any one, two or even all three" games return equal scores (my

Where two (but not one or three) games are level ex still found themselves knokeed hypothesi the third game must out after a sudden-death playthe other, so that play-offs of the called for notwithstanding that one team must be "one-up". That was precisely the position

It is, incidentally, the only situation in which play-offs are one could only assume that required, which might affect the halved matches should be dis- result of the match, when one

From Mr S. Corbett Sir. The signing by Hull Rugby League Club of the Neath and Wales No. 8, Mark Jones, has brought the number of Welsh internationals moving from union to league to 14 in the last five years. This does not take into account other Welsh players below full international level

who have "gone north".
With such talent now playing the league code, perhaps the time has come to consider the reintroduction of the Welsh international rugby league side. It was last tried in the early 1980s, when a triangular competition, also involving England and France, was played on a home-or-away basis; that is two matches for each country. There are only a limited number of opportunities to impress the Great Britain selectors above club level and such an international competition could usefully serve as international trials while rewarding players who may not play rugby for Great Britain. At the same time, such international rugby league could help to cement the image of the game in Wales while highlighting the opportunities available tu players in Wales who are considering switching codes.

Yours faithfully, CORBETT. 62 Coverts Road, Claygate.

From Mr Raiph W. F. Sampson Sir. Derek Wyatt, in his article headed "Time for the Barbarians to reassess their rule" (October 10) does a disservice to the president and his hardworking committee. As one who had the good fortune to play for the Barbarians on several occasions, including the captainey, I think he has got it all wrong for the following reasons.

I. The game as played by the Barbarians is an open attacking game giving the ball as much air

# fresh hope

From Ms Peggy S. Conley Sir. The Women's Professional Golf European Tour has been given a glimmer of hope through appointment of Mickey Walker as captain of the Solheim Cup, the equivalent to the Ryder Cup which is to be held the week of November 16-18 at Lake Nona, Florida

Few people have the talent. class and conviction to put themselves on the line for what they believe. Mickey has.
She has little to gain by accepting the captaincy of the British and European side that

has a slim chance of beating the Americans. The task is oluntary. So how can your reporter (October 61 justify criticising Ms Valker for not planning to be in Italy at the announcement of the

Is the reporter unaware of Ms Walker's responsibility to 750 members of the Warren Golf Club in Essex?

And that an abbreviated and uncelebrated announcement before two members of the press in a chaotic Italian press tent does

not make a press conference?

I believe we readers understand the meaning of priority even if your reporter doesn't.

There are few in professional sport as well respected as Ms Walker, and, in the end, she did go to Italy.
PEGGY S. CONLEY,

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### Free to run

From Rev Warren Greatrex Sir. There is an "official" answer to Miss Rogers and her teacher (Letters, October 11).

Ben Johnson cheated, was found out, admitted his share in it, promised not to cheat again, paid the "official" penalty, and has been "officially" forgiven: he is free to compete honestly. But the paradox remains: if

people generally do not forgive him [for example, if they "boo" competes) he may despair and be forced to give up running. On the other hand, if everyone forgives him wholeheartedly, other athletes may be

led to take this as a sign that cheating is worth the penalty and try to cheat also. There is no perfect solution. 1 hope that everyone will forgive a person who has promised to

amend and has paid the prescribed penalty. But I know that there will always be a need to monitor athletes, human nature being what it is.

Yours truly, REV WARREN GREATREX, Tire Highlands. Great Doward. Symonds Yat. Herefordshire.

### Walker offers Taking supporters seriously

From Mr P. A. Lee
Sir, Mr Tom Pendry's letter
(October 11) claims that the
Football Trust appears to bold the view of football supporters in low esteem. Far from it, the trust attaches great importance to their views lodged that is why we made clear, when agreeing our initial policy guide-lines on grant aid for major projects, that questions of ground-sharing are for football its administrators, clubs and

supporters — to settle. The Trust has no intention of attempting to dictale who shall share with whom: we simply make the point that if clubs way to respond to the requireground-sharing, the trust may be ble to take a more generous

We do take the opinions of the supporters seriously. We have provided financial support for the Football Supporters' Association's administration and for its successful work on ing the World Cup finals. We have representatives of the FSA and the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs on the panel of adjudicators for this year's Community Award Scheme for Football League

On matters of major policy. the Football League and the Football Association hold joint meetings with supporters' organisations. Since this proides an ideal forum for the hand the views of the supporter. I was delighted to be able to accept an invitation from the League to represent the trust at these meetings. Yours faithfully,

P. A. LEE, Secretary, The Football Trust 1990, Second Floor, Walkden House, 10 Melion Street, NW1. From Mr Martin Herrema Sir, Tom Pendry MP is to be applauded for his call for the

### Rye solution From P. J. A. Smith

Sir. During the televising of the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews, a commentator raised a point of general interest to golf clubs: should a bunker rake be left in the hazard or outside it? In either case, the rake, if left on the ground, is quite likely to stop or deflect the ball, and I would recommend the system which we adopted many years ago at Rye. A short length of pipe is ried vertically at the side of the bunker, the top being flush with the surface. The handle of the rake is then inserted in the pipe, so that it stands upright, and the risk of the ball striking it is reduced to the minimum.

Yours faithfully, PIA SMITH, 5 Victoria Street. New Romney, Kent.

Yours.

Whatever next From N. J. F. B. Samengo-Turner

Sir. the United States' obsession

"ordinary supporter" to be given a meaningful voice in the future of football Stadium improvements should indeed

century and beyond, and it is vital that both bodies representing the views of supporters are represented on the Football Trust 1990 and the Football Licensing Authority.

However, if Mr Pendry seriously are represented to the tenth of the representation of th

ously wants to take the views of ordinary supporters into acconnt, he should start by acknowledging that the vast majority, although keen to see improved facilities, don't want all-scater grounds forced on the

Thousands of supporters up and down the country know that the end of the traditional ter-races will mean higher admission charges, loss of atmosphere and restrictions of

the freedom to enjoy a game with a large group of friends. Despite Lord Justice Taylor's recommendations, there is no evidence that properly des and maintained terrace areas a football grounds are any less safe than seated areas.

The Hillsborough disaster was caused by the fencing at the front of the terrace and criminally inadequate organisation.

not by the terracing itself. Indeed, I would suggest that statistically, I am safer standing on the North Bank at Highbury every other Saturday than commuting into London by train and tube.

By all means, call for the voice of football supporters to be heard, Mr Pendry, but don't turn a deaf ear to the real message coming from the majority of ordinary supporters Your party might even fine there are more than a few votes to be won in opposing this rust to all-seat stadiums. Yours sincerely, MARTIN HERREMA.

16 Plumberow, Lee Chapel North,

### rights seems to have attained new levels of manifest silliness io the recently well-oublicised case of the journalist, Lisa Olsen, ostensibly suffering sexual harassment whilst conduct ing a post-match interview with

naked male football players in the locker room of the New

England Patriots.

What on earth next, one ask oneself? Imagine the stereotype image of the all-American sports journalist, cigarette hooked lamouth, battered homburg perched on the back of his head, attired in dirty floor-length trench coat, recently-licked pencil hovering over a dog-cared reporters pad ... eyes hulging at the imminent receipt of a post-match report straight from the hot atmosphere of the showers

of the University of California Los Angeles, ladies' netbal Yours faithfully N. SAMENGO-TURNER Colision Cottage, with feminism and equal sex Newmarket, Suffolk.

# Hallett concerned about failure against Foulds

MIKE Hallett saved Ian Doyle, his manager, a job by giving really have to get my concentradown after a poor performance against Neal Foulds in the fifth round of the Rothmans Grand Prix, in which he was beaten 5-2, in Reading yesterday.

Hallett, the world No. 7. appears to be a first-half player. He was level at 2-2 by the interval but faded away thereafter, lacking, he said, not stamina but

Both Hallett and Foulds, once third in the world but now thirteenth, but rising fast and unbeaten in nine ranking tourimpeach in line lanking our-nament matches this season, criticised the quality of the match but it had its moments. Foulds snatched the first frame on the black, Hallett swept home breaks of 96 and 41

swept noise deals of 90 and 40 to lead 2-1, but he missed the simplest of reds into a middle pocket in the fourth and Hallett cleared to pink with 65. After that it was oo contest. Foulds missed a few but Hallett simply could not take advan-

tage.

He mouned: "I just don't know what was the matter with me after the interval. There was

me after the interval. I here was a lot of money at stake but I didn't seem to feel anything.

"It was a thoroughly unprofessional performance from me hut Neal didn't play that well either and I would not me but Neal didn't play that details of a record sponsorship well either and I would not expect to get that many chances in an amateur tournament. I held in London on Monday.

tion going."
Foulds has now reached the quarter-finals of the last four ranking events, affect that three were last season, but has not reached a semi-final since 1987. "I started this season pro-

visionally ranked seventh in the world and I'd be delighted just to hold on to that position ket alone improve it," he said. "I got a nice few ranking points behind me and no pressure on me at all. Two years ago I would have lost a match like that but I got the winning habit back again and Fm only one win off equalling my best ever run." Peter Francisco, of South Africa, ended the run of world No. 95, Ken Owers, with a 5-1 victory but the scoreflattered

He ended the match with break of 104 but stole three of the first five frames on the black.

### ROWING

# Banks has flair for coaching business

By MIKE ROSEWELL

MARK Banks, of Nottingham, and began rowing at 14 at has been appointed chief coach of the junior national team. The Amateur Rowing Association had been interviewing candidates, domestic and foreign, for about four months. Banks did not apply until the post was readvertised after the junior world championships in France, where he proved, for the third year running, his remarkable motivating power. world championships in France, where he proved, for the third year running, his remarkable motivating power.

Banks first appeared on the international scene in 1988 as coach to the Great Britain junior coxless four, which included two members of the Nottingham and Union club, of which he was, and still is, captain. Against predictions, the light crew came through late in the world final to gain a bronze medal and "Banks's blitz" entered rowing

folklore.
It was less necessary last year when his coxless four won gold by a remarkable 8sec. This year,

be admitted that he was nervous at his own interview and "over the moon" that he got the post.

Therein lies the reason that Banks will be welcomed by Banks will be welcomed by junior rowing coaches throughout the country. He is successful and modest, with a sense of humour and, watching him debrief his world championships eight for over an hour after their semi-final in France, his corrects littee.

He agreed that Bruce by a remarkable 8sec. This year.

Grainger, his predecessor, had again against predictions, his set up a "good system", but he Great Britain eight, with five 17-can see ways of "improving year-olds on board, "blitzed" a silver from the fancied United be no hats in the air". Looking at the recent medal tally of the coaching novices back in Great Britain junior squad, he Nottingham.

**MOTOR RACING** 

Warwick

returns

to Jaguar

By JOHN BLUNSDEN

One next year as No. 1 driver of the Brabham team.

with Tom Walkinshaw's Jaguar team in 1986 when he finished only one point behind the joint

world sports car champions. Derek Bell and Hans Stuck. He

hopes to emulate Brundle, who secured the title with Jaguar in

1988 before making a temporary return to Formula One with

Brabham last year. Warwick, who has signed a

one-year contract, said yes-terday "t am delighted to be

joining the Jaguar team again. I believe that the car Ross Brawn

is designing for the 1991 champ-ionship, is more than capable of

"It was a hard decision to leave Formula One," he said.

"But I'd rather be up front and winning in one championship

than languishing down at the back of the grid in another."

FLORENCE: Alessandro

winning races.

24 as

ortungham.

Aged 32, Banks is unmarried right.

### Sainz slip a boost for Auriol

MOTOR RALLYING

By a CORRESPONDENT

DEREK Warwick is returning to the Silk Cut Jaguar team and will lead its assault on the 1991 DIDIER Auriol, of France, took the lead in the San Remo rally in northern Italy for the first time world sportscar championship. Warwick, aged 36, from Jersey, who has been leading the Camel yesterday, but with only a minute separating the leading three the struggle between Lancia and Toyota is far from season, will be taking over the seat vacated by Martin Brundle, who will be back in Formula

Auriol put Lancia back in front when Carlos Sainz, the overnight leader, rolled his Toyota Celica. Fortunately the Spaniard, who needs only one point to become world cham-pion driver for the first time, did not seriously damage the car and lost only two places. The Sainz incident, however.

caused the retirement of this year's champion, Massimo Biasion, of Italy. Biasion skid-ded off the road in his Lancia while avoiding Sainz's over-turned car, and hit a tree. Malcolm Wilson, of Britain, in seventh place after setting the fastest time on the opening two gravel stages, also retired. He his a bank on the next test, jamming

a wheel against the bodywork of his works Ford Sierra. Gwyndaf Evans, of Wales, has moved up to third place in the showroom class in his Ford Sierra, and Louise Attken-Walker, twentieth overall in her Vauxhall Astra, is poised to win the Ladies Cup.

LEADING POSITIONS (after 35 stages): 1. D.Auriot (F1). Lancis, 5fr (3min (3eec; 2, 3 Kankkunen (Fin). Lancis, 5rl9:34; 3, C Sainz (5p). Toyota, 5rl9:14; 4, D. Cerrato (ff), Lancis, 5:20:32; 5, A Florio (ff), Toyota, 5:20:22; 5, A Florio (ff), Toyota, 5:20:22; 5, A Florio (ff), Toyota, 5:20:20; 6, A Schwarz (Ger), 5

Nannini, who is recovering in hospital here, still hopes to race again, his wife said (Reuter reports). Nannini's lower right arm was severed and his left arm

### TODAY'S FIXTURES

OTHER SPORT ADMINTON: Carlsberg Classic

SNOOKER: Rotimens grand prix (Hexa-gon Theatre, Reading). SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 07.00-09.00 College football, 16.30-17.30 Gesorade Challenge Cup: Hamburg y The Hegue. 23.00-01.00 College football. BASEBALL: Screenport 17.30-20.00
World Series: Highlights of second game.
BOXING: BISS 21.00-22.00-01.00-03.00
tomorrow). Eurosport 11.00-12.00;
Screenport 14.00-15.30 From the Fo-

rum.
PISHMO: 958 18.30-19.00 Salaron Rahing in the Pacelic.
POOTBALL: 858.14.00-18.00 Repeat of 
yesterday's European champannship 
matches: England v Poland, Scotland v. 
Switzerland: Eurosport 23.30-31.00 Earopean championating highlights from yealarday. Screensport 20.00-21.00 Highlights from Argentina. 21.00-23.00 Highlights from Argentina. 21.00-23.00 High-

lons, Reel Madnd v Logrofies. GOLF: BSB 00.30-01.00 (tomorrow) US PGA tour profile. Eurosport 18.00-19.00 Highlights from Austrian Open. MOTOR SPORT: 988 19,00-19,30, 20,30-23,30. Expansart 19,00-19,30. Screen-sport 09,00-10,00 Formula 3,000 from Nogaro. 12,00-14,00 World Challenge from Tampe. 15,30-16,30 Mantport Chall-eron.

enge. NEWS: BSB 13.25-13.30, 12.00-18.30, 19.30-20.00, 22.00-22.30, 24.00-00.30 (to-morrow) Sportsdesk, Eurosport 19.30-20.00, 01.00-01.30 (tomorrow). POLO: Eurosport 10.00-1 1.00 The Dutch

Open.
RACING: C4 14:30-18:30 Coverage from Nowmerket. BSS 18:30-14:00 Yesterdey's highlights. 23:30-24:00 'Today's highlights. 28:30-24:00 'Today's highlights.
SNOOKER: BBC2 14:15-18:00. 18:00-17:20, 24:00-01:05 (tomorow) Rothmans grand prict from Reading: quarter-finals. Screensport 10:00-12:00. Screensport 10.00-12.00: TENNIS: Eurosport 12.00-13.30 Yes-terday's highlights from European Com-munity championships in Belgum, 13.30-18.00 Live coverage of Porschi taries' grand pitk from Germany, 20.00-23.30\* Live coverage of European Community' championships.

Dil en lied

# Rejuvenated Anshan ready to continue the good work to continue the stakes, Lockinge Stakes at Newbury their hope for next year Derby.

ANSHAN, who began this Street by two lengths: season by winning the Free In the 2,000 Guineas An-Handicap over seven furlones shan finished seven places and at Newmarket in April, is now napped to capture the Jameson Irish Whiskey Challenge Stakes over the same course

and distance today.

That commendable first effort was followed by another in the 2,000 Guineas in which he finished third behind Tirol and Machiavellian

A bad run in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot can be attributed to the fact Stakes at Doncaster last that he had gone over the top month. On that occasion Call as the result of being asked to tackle York's Dante Stakes over a distance that turned out in third place.

to today's distance at

By Mandarin -

2.35 Murango. 3.05 Fancy Me. 3.40 ANSHAN (nap).

4.10 Daring Times. 4.45 Sharifabed.

Going: good to TITIN

2.0 BUCKENHAM SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,439: 67) (19 runners)

2.00 Amandhla

almost seven lengths in front of Rami, who reopposes him today, also fresh from a long break and a morale boosting easy win on his comeback at Warwick ten days ago.

Well that I expect Rami to go here, it is arguable that the main threat to Anshan will be posed by the filly Sally Rous, who so nearly beat Green Line. Express in the Kiveton Park To Arms, another of today's runners, was four length adrift

Earlier in the season, Sally After being given ample Rous had won the Jersey time in which to recover, Stakes over today's trip at Anshan was then brought back Royal Ascot.

to today's distance at Safawan would be hard to comer from Henry Cecil's Goodwood 13 days ago when best if he was in the form that stable, who is already being he ran out a most convincing enabled him to win the spoken of in terms of being Safawan would be hard to

> By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 Karim's Kid.

3.05 Great Design. 3.40 Sally Rous. 4.10 Makeshift.

4,45 PEKING OPERA (nap).

NEWMÁRKET

Selections

"By Michael Seely " 3.05 Desert Splendour. 4.10 Daring Times. 4.45 JENDALI (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating 3.05 DESERT SPLENDOUR.

118 (10) 365200 SARS FRAIS 14 (Asia V Hall) R Williams 8-0 G Bester 84
119 (3) 0 SMALL TIOUSLE S1 (A Pher) M Johnston 8-6 R P Estatt
BETTING: 7-2 Amendita, 9-2 Casplan Grey, S-1 Kertn's Kird, 7-1 Hidden Bay, 8-1 Jemaics Joe, Lucity-Manley, 12-1 Lady Of The Fen, 16-1 Methylati Med, 20-1 Sarts Frais, 25-1 Others. 1969: SISTER SAL 8-6 M Wigham (5-4 fav) J Sutcilie 28 ran

lost his way since, I much prefer Anshan, who is quite capable of making all the

rmains. Well that his younger stable companion Great Design should go in the A R Dennis Bookmakers Nursery following that successful debut at Salisbury earlier this month, I just favour Fancy Me with Pat Eddery aboard.

This William Jarvis-trained filly was the subject of a successful gamble last time out at Newcastle where she easily accounted for another John Gosden-trained twoyear-old Knifebox.

When the runners for the EBF Chesterton Maiden Stakes appear in the paddock plenty of attention will be focused on Jendali, the new-

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A son of the triple crown winner Nijinsky, Jendali is guaranteed to run well after a thorough preparation. But I just prefer Luca Cumani's Sharifabed, who gained what could easily turn out to be priceless experience when finishing a close fourth behind Environment Friend at the last meeting here.

Significantly, that race was run in a faster time than the other division in which Peking Opera, another fancied runner today, was beaten much more easily by Sapicha.

Daring Times, who was a

convincing winner of a handicap over seven furlongs during the last meeting, is taken to give a repeat performance in the Jeyes Handicap over the

Guide to our in-line racecard

Raccord number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure
from (F - fell. P - pulled up. U - unsettled rider.

B - brought down. S - stipped up. R - returned.

O - discussified, Horse's name. Days since less
S - soil, good to still, heavy). Owner in custop; J if jumps, F if flat. (B - bithters. brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Ridar V - viser. H - hood. E - Byestiedd. C - course and Handicabper's rating.

3.40 JAMESON IRISH WHISKEY CHALLENGE STAKES (Group 1): (3.40

3-14961 RERROR BLACK 26 (F.C.5) (Nrs C Webster) P Makin 4-9-3 S Cauthen
1-5/155 SAFAWAN 54 (CD.F.5) (Mrs C Thompson) M Stoute 4-9-3 W R Seithum
3-13901 ANRHAN 13 (CD.F.5) (Shelsh Mohammen) J Goston 3-5-11 Pat Eddery
6-00650 CALL TO ARMS 18 (C.D.F.) (W Greeney) C Shittan 3-5-11 M Roberts
3-25827 CHLDREY 27 (D.F.5) (N de Savery) O Herwood 3-5-11 R Cochrane
21-3011 RAM 18 (CD.F.5) (H Al-Mattoum) P Wahryn 3-5-11 W Carton
671200 BLUE ROOM 23 (CD.F) (Si P Opperheims) G Wragg 3-5-6 G Carter
1480152 SALLY ROUS 35 (D.F.) (Si P Opperheims) G Wragg 3-5-6 G Carter

BETTING: 15-8 Anshan, 5-2 Saily Rous, 6-1 Mirror Black, Safawan, Rame, 16-1 Childrey, 25-1 Cell To

1989: DISTANT RELATIVE S-8-13 M Hills (evens tay) B Hills 6 ran

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(Im., good to firm) with SAFAWAN (8th better cir)
Intrinsip-on short head sext of 5. Subsequently beet
Bin Sheddad XI in group II Elite Prole at Cologne
(Im. soot).

SAFAWAN conformbly beet Distant Referène 21 in
group II Juddinonte Lockinge Steles at Newbury
(Im. good to firm) in Ney, ANSHAN mude vitually at
to beet Palace Street by a comfortable 21 in group II
City Of Portemouth Supreme Stakes at Goodwood
(IV., good).

CALL TO ARMS faded when last of 10 behind

BETTING: S-1 Daring Times, 11-2 Darakan, 13-2 Stasanna's Socret, 8-) Makeshift, 12-) Fresk Toss, La Bolle Vie, 14-1 Hena Mane, 15-1 others.

1986 JOVEWORTH S-8-12 J Fortune (8-1) M O'Nell 20 ren

FORM FOCUS RESOLUTE BAY 6%! Sperish Whitper in 20-runner ameteurs' roce at Redox (Im. good to fertil). Since successful here (71, Ameteus in a waituble handicap at York (61, good).

HANA MARIE 4M 6th behind Bryton Led in a fested of Marie and Company of the State o

PRANA SIAHSE 475 6th behind Blyton Lad in a Resid rice here (5f, good).

MAKESHET ridden out to best Land Of Hope 154 in a Northgram (1m 22, good to firm), Previously 51 4th a Wolverhampton handicap (1m, good to firm). Previously best Gosten Basu 41 at Edinburgh (1m, good to firm), Previously best Gosten Basu 41 at Edinburgh (1m, good to firm). Previously best Gosten Basu 41 at Edinburgh (1m, good to firm). Previously best Gosten Basu 41 at Edinburgh (1m, good to firm). Previously 51 4th a 51 4th and 15 4th and

4.45 EBF CHESTERTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,254; 1m) (16 turners)
601 (14) BOBANBO (A Speekman) O Herwood 9-0 R Cochrene
602 (12) 6 EBPOSKI (W South M Staute 9-0 K Brackmew 84
603 (15) 6 ENGLISH RAJ (Major H Cayran) O Eleworth 9-0 NON-RUNNER
804 (4) FAMIOUS DANCER (R Thompson) O Eleworth 9-0 J WMBarns
605 (15) 6 FTINESS FASKATIC (A Wester) D Wilson 9-0 W Normos
606 (8) JENDAU (Shrekh Mohemmed) H Cacli 9-0 S Cauthern
607 (5) LINKS ST NIGHTMAIR (M Rece) A Stewart 9-0 M Roberts
608 (1) 2 PERRING OPERA (Shakh Mohemmed) M Stouts 9-0 W R Swindown
609 (7) 6 HARIFARAD (Age Khan) L CURAN 9-0 W R Swindown
601 (10) TELSTEAM (T Mile) W Carter 9-0 Dottn McKeown
611 (5) TORCHON (Sir Robin Mohalping) G Wragg 9-0 Ocarter
612 (13) TORCHON (Sir Robin Mohalping) G Wragg 9-0 O Carter
613 (3) VALATCH (D Eccleston) Pst Mileriell 9-0 Ro Holin 9-0
614 (11) GYPSY QUEEN (M Parrish) B Haribury 8-9 R Raymond
615 (9) 1 LYDA MARSA (Mirs P Harris P B Haribury 8-9 T Wissoms
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016 (2) 0 NORTH WIND (Princes Michael of Kerth B Hals 8-9 W Carson 76
8ETTRIC: 11-4 Jancka, 3-1 Sharifabad, 9-2 Peking Opers, 6-1 Bossmbo, 0-1 Torchon, 10-1 Depockd,
12-1 Lims St Nightmars, North Wind, 14-1 (19ype Queen, 16-1 others.
1988: OCH-DESSIVE PLAY 9-0 Pst Eddery (11-4 fev) G Harwood 29 ran

FORM FOCUS DEPOSIT was never never never never never never s. 5th to Mass Simplicity in a Kempton maiden (1m, good). PECING OPERA promising 3th 2th to Sapisine in 16-marker part (7, good). SHARIFARAD 11 eth of 16 behind Environment Priend in maken here (71, good). SHARIFARAD 11 eth of 16 penhind Environment Priend in maken here (71, good). SHARIFARAD 11 eth of 16 penhind Environment Priend in maken here (71, good). Hall-nother to Commander Robert, wingood). ROSAMBO (foeled Apr 27, cost \$225,000).

Course specialists

● John Reid is unlikely to be fit in time | Longchamp on Arc day. Vincent O'Bri-

to ride Royal Academy in the Bredders' cup Mile at Belmont Park on Saturday week. Reid broke his collarbone after being thrown by Wbippet before the start of the Prix de L'Abbaye at possible substitute.

S Cauthen W Carson Pat Eddery W R Swinbu R Cochrane L Dezzni

Runners Per cent 383 24.4 351 17.9 356 15.8 86 15.1 41 14.8 273 12.8

TRAINERS .

4.45 EBF CHESTERTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,254; 1m) (16 runners)

Blinkered first time NEWMARKET: 2.0 Jameics Jos. 3.5 Northern Conqueror. 4.10 Freek Toss.

£43,992: 7f) (8 runners)

4.10 JEYES HANDICAP (E8,415: 7f) (15 runners)

# Eddery on verge of double century after 97-1 treble

PAT Eddery is set to become the this time of year. It has gone well first Flat jockey to ride 200 winners in a season since Sir Gordon Richards in 1952 following a brilliant 97-1 treble at Redcar yesterday.

The champagne could be

flowing at Newmarket this afternoon as the seven times champion jockey needs only two more wins to reach the double century mark. "I have got a couple of good rides on Anshan and Fancy Me so who knows?"

and six furiouss on dirt can be testing."
The task facing Daujur was underlined by Geoffrey Gibbs, the Jockey Club's senior Flat handicapper, "Daujur is the best sprinter we've seen in Europe for some years, but races in the United States can develop into a real season. Mail be best in the senior of the senio The 200 target has been in the back of Eddery's mind for a month but he realised he was on the verge of it after recording a five-umer at York last Wednesday. That put me close. Last week was good as I had nine winners. It can often slow up at

real scrap. He'll be taking on tough and experienced horses who are used to bumping and barging.

Golden Pheasant, one of the leading American repre-sentatives in the Breeders' Cup turf, is lame and will miss the race, improving the prospects of a successful European challenge, led by the Prix de l'Arc de

Dayjur at 6-4 with

Ladbrokes

DAYJUR is 6-4 favourite with Ladbrokes to win the Breeders' Cup sprint at Belmont Park on

Saturday week. Corals offer 6-4 on (George Rae writes).

Dayjur has plenty to over-come," Ladbrokes spokesman

Mike Dillon said yesterday. "He

has never raced around a bend and six furlongs on dirt can be

We take the view that

riomphe winner Saumarez. The final entries for all seven

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Rides Per cent 595 19 8 592 14.5 560 13.9 495 12.1 170 11.2

today and I am pleased." For a brief moment yesterday it looked as though Redcar furione He eventually wireled would be the unlikely setting for riding his 200th winner. After winning on Sixofus and making light of a poor draw to score on only to be pipped in the last 50 Chiliboy. Eddery had a 100 per cent record from his first two Affirmation, well ridden by

On his third ride, aboard Rio Pedras, Eddery was consistently furiong. He eventually wiggled and weaved his way through a wall of horses and burst clear.

### Hills misses plum ride

MICHAEL Hills will miss the prize ride on the Ebor winner Further Flight in the Cesarewitch at Newmarket on Saturday, following a fall from Yankee Flyer in the Birches Bridge Handicap at Wolver-hampton yesterday.

Hills, who was taken to the Royal Wolverhampton Hospital suffering from concussion, will be replaced by Lester Piggott on Surrealist in the Dewhurst Stakes tomorrow and will also miss riding Carol's Treasure in Washington on Sunday.

### UTTOXETER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Chief Mole, 2.45 Worthy Knight, 3.20 Rock-tor, 3.50 Trusty Friend, 4.25 Off The Wall, 4.55 Pura Money, 5.25 Bright Sapphire,

Going: good (watered) 2.15 CHASE WINDOWS NOVICES HURDLE (£2360: 2m) (16 runners)

1 1224 HER OF EXCITEMENT 22 (V.D.G) A Stringer 5-11-5 1 NADIAD 12 (CD.G) D NoCard 4-114\_ Mr 0 MrCEn (7) 3 423- CHIEF MOLE 342 O Sherwood 5-10-12\_\_\_\_ J Osborne 4 29 DOLLAR SEEKER 12 (EF) A Easley 5-10-12\_\_\_ A Carroll 5 343- FARRIELD LAD 87 J Dooler 5-10-12\_\_\_ R Supple 7 5-44, R DOLLAR ROD 14 J CCISEN 5-10-12\_ NON-RUNKER 0 216- ROSS VENTURE 170 (G) J ECNOTOS 5-10-12

N WINGSTON

T-4 Chief Mole. 3-1 Top Villam, 4-1 Nadiad, 5-1 Dollar Seekar, 10-1 Herr Of Excrement, 12-1 orthers.

HANDICAP CHASE (£2,654: 2m 4f) (8) 1 445- CENTRE ATTRACTION 239 (D,F,Q,S) G Richards 2 CO-4 WORTHY KNIGHT 22 (D.F.G.S) B McLean 9-11-

2.45 BRITISH COAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

G Upton
7 CRU- WILD ARGOSY 145 (CD.F.Q.S) T Bit 11-10-0 J Railton
8 POF- MANHATTAN BEACH 229 G Thomas 8-10-0 (Lawrence 7-4 Worthy Knight, 4-1 Jezail, 11-2 Centre Attraction. 8-1 Brunico, 10-1 Super Express, 12-1 others. 3.20 BBC IN THE MIDLANDS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,276; 2m 4f) (16)

1 G/P BURLEY HILL BOY 12 (V) T Caldwell 5-10-12

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BURNET 822F T McGovern 5-10-12. At Means (2)

HILTOWN BOY B Carriadge 7-10-12. Me of Carcadge

MEAT AND TEN N Davis 5-10-12. P Richards

B 14-2 ROCKTOR 12 (F) D Baron 5-10-12. N Williamson

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TABLEPIN 111F J Roberts 5-10-12. N Williamson

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O TOUCH 60 GO 327 J Leigh 5-10-12. N Delighty

O WHAAT FETTLE 22 G Richards 5-10-12. N Delighty

IN SERVILLOY 15 H WILLIAMS 15-17 J Mackine 4-10-11. A Price

HANAN SURINESE 16-F J Mackine 4-10-11. A Price

WILLIAM 15-H KINGT 16-F J Mackine 4-10-11. A Price

S WILLIAM 15-H William Price 4-(0-11. A Price

TS AN DOUNE 19-C Brood 3-10-7. P BicDemont

OCTOBER DAYS C Brood 3-10-7. A Carroll

15-8 Garmine, 9-4 Rockert, 4-1 Schweppes Tonc, 5-1 Tak
pic, 12-1 Wheat Frets, 16-1 Hivent Surins, 20-1 others.

O Corals report solid support for Geoffrey Wragg's Cesarewitch candidate, Pipiuna, and have cut her price from 10-1 to 7-1. Upton Park has also shortened from 40-1 to 25-1. 3.50 UNDERGEAR TERRA TIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,853: 3m 2l) (8)

1 112- CROSS MASTER 322 (F.G.S) T Bit 13-12-0 J Radion (3) 2 356- DERRY GOWAN 206 (F.G.S) G Thorner 8-11-12 3 /P- JACK OF CILIBS 385 (G,S) B McLean 10-11-3 G MCCOURT
4 625- CAPELI CONE 217 (G,S) Mrs H Parrott 8-10-10
S McNett

4 62F- CAPELI CONE 217 (G,S) Meaning S Microsoft 5 411- TRUSTY FRIEND 162 (G,S) J Edwards 8-10-9 N Wallandon N United 10-10-5...... B Power 0 3PP- OGENDEBA 256 (CD.S) P Balley 10-10-5..... B 7 244- TARTAN TEMPEST 177 (G.S) G Richards 7-10-5

B F4/ AMBER BLOSSOM 519 (S) Miss H hingh 8-10-0 is Dowling 2-1 Trusty Friend, 7-2 Tartan Tempest, 9-2 Capet Cone.
8-1 Cross Master, 8-1 Ogendebs, 10-1 others.
4.25 ABACUS LIGHTING JUVENILE SELLING HURDLE [21,744: 2m) (16)

1 PISP STRANGER STILL 26 (D.BF.F) B Stevens 10-11 

6-4 Off The Well, 3-1 Premier Lady, 4-1 Connthian Gal, 8-1 Barnosde, 10-1 Tristan's Comet, 12-1 others. 4.55 COMPUTER DISASTER RECOVERY HANDI-CAP CHASE (£2,542: 2m) (5)

1 1-12 BROAD BEAM 12 (CO,BF,F,G,S) P Hoons 10-11-10 C Maude (5) 1 1-12 BROWN BEACH IN [45, 55]
C Maude (5)
2 223- ROYAL CRACKER 254 (V.CD,F.G,S) T Bill 5-11-2
J Railton (3) 3 -112 PURA MONEY 5 (C.D.BF,F,G.S) G Richards 8-11-1 4 P.F3 CORKED 12 (D.F.G.S) Wrs E Heath 11-10-9 0 Gallagh 5 31P- ST WILLIAM 274 (D.F.G.S) R Hodges 13-10-0

13-8 Pura Money, 9-4 Broad Beam, 4-1 Corked, 8-1 Royal oxer, 12-1 St Williams 5.25 WINTERTONS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,458:

1 221- PACO'S BOY 142 (C.F.S) J J O'Neil 5: 1-12 ... L Wyer 2 /F-5 MARSH (UIG 75 (BF.G.S) P HOODS 3-1) -8 C Maudie (5) 3 212- SQUIRE JUN 203 (F) N TWISTON-DRIVES (F-1) -5 1 Osbarne 

Course specialists

TRAINERS: P Bailey, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; M H Easterby, 5 from 16, 27.8%; M Pipa, 15 from 59, 27.1%; N Gaselee, 4 from 15, 26.7%; O Sherwood, 4 from 18, 22.2%; O Burchell, 11 from 51, 21.6%,

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 5 winners from 12 rides, 41.7%; D Byrne, 5 from 16, 31.3%; J Lower, 4 from 16, 25.0%; G McCourt, 13 from 01, 21.3%; L Wyer, 4 from 18, 21.1%; N Doughty, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

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Selections

2.15 Alistairs Girl. 2.45 Young Muzzy. 3.15 Ambergate. 3.45 Whitwood. 4.15 Coolident Vote. 4.45 Belfort Prince.

Going: good to firm

2.15 PERCY BEWICKE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,259: 2m) (7 runners)

3-1 Sruff Academy, Tina's Bing, 4-1 Direct Interest, Yam nouchi, 7-1 Ground Master, 10-1 Impage, 14-1 Aistehs Girl. 2.45 OAKWOOD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELL-ING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,534: 2m) (5)

1 3114 PENLLYNE'S PRIDE 9 (D.F.G) R Juckes 9-11-10
A Juckes 2 503/ TREYARNON 500F (0.5) P Monteith 8-11-0 J CoReptan (3) 

4-5 Penilyne's Pride, 4-1 Young Muzzy, 13-2 Lucky Lena, 7-1 Mighty Supremo, 10-1 Treyernon. 3.15 SANDEMAN PORT HANDICAP CHASE

1 P-51 RAISABILLION 19 (CD.F.Q.S) M Hammond 5-12-0 1 P-51 RAISARILLION 19 (CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 5-12-0 P Niver 2 11-P BLUE RAVINE 12 (CD,F) R Lamb 11-11-5 Mr B Bell (7) 3 133- LINGHAM BRIDE 168 (CD,F,G,S) J Swiers 5-11-4 Mr S Swiers 14-2-31 ALBERGATE 13 (CD,F,S) W A Stephanson 9-11-0 C Great 5 93-4 RITO THE EYSTIC 21 (B,CD,F,S) B MicLean 8-10-13 B Storry 6 4522 BCTHAM 13 (F) J Oliver 10-10-4 B STORRY 7 P/2- BURNOTICH BOY 219 (D,S) R Bert 11-10-1 B STORRY 10-10-4 BURNOTICH BOY 219 (D,S) R Bert 11-10-1 Mrs J Thurtow 11-4 Ambergate, 100-30 Reissbélion, 5-1 Botrem, 7-1 Blue

11-4 Ambergate, 100-30 Reisabilion, 5-1 Bothem, 7-1 Blue Ravine, Lingnam Bride, 10-1 Burndach Boy, 12-1 others.

3.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2.014: 1-2 Whewood, 4-1 Lingham Magic, 7-1 Doctor Syntax 14-1 Rosenp, 33-1 others.

4.15 BLAYNEYS NOVICES CHASE (£2.065: 3m) 1 20-9 ACROSS THE LAKE 17 (BF.5) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-0

2 3423 CONTACT KELVIN 5 (G.5) N Bycroh 5-11-0. R Marley 3 5PP- EASTERN MINSTREL 175 W A Stephenson 3-11-0 C Grant 4 0/5 JUMBOCO 19 W Harrison 8-11-0 F Murtisch (7)
5 OWD HENRY C Thornton 7-11-0 Mz N Harrison (6)
6 /P-U RARE FIRE 6 J Parkes 8-11-0 N Smith (5)
7 G44 SLAVE TIME 12 JOHNSON 5-13-11 B Storey
9 J232 CONFIDENT VOTE 15 Mrs G Revoley 8-10-9 P Airvest
10 2-44 SISTER SAM 12 R Bart 13-10-9
10 2-44 SISTER SAM 12 R Bart 13-10-9
10 2-45 SARES TRE 1-10-5-1 Confusion Vote 6-1 Owd Henry 4-5 Across The Lake, 5-1 Conham Vote, 6-1 Owd Henry, 8-1 Dark Jester, 10-1 Contact Kelvin, 16-1 others.

4.45 DEVILSWATER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 

4-6 Betfort Prince, 5-1 Leven Baby, 15-2 SA Barchi, 8-1 A Froic, Kirstenbosch, 14-1 Seven Sons, 25-1 others. Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Hammond, 3 witness from 5 runners, 60 0%; G Moore, 25 from 73, 34 2°c. J Switers, 3 from 15, 20.3°c; W A Stephenson, 51 from 279, 18.3°c. 7 Monteeth, 10 from 55, 17 8°c. Denys Smith, 8 from 61, 14.8°c. JOCKEYS: J Cattaghan, 5 winners from 20 rides, 25.0%; C Grant, 45 from 187, 24,1%. M Dwyer, 12 from 58, 20.7%, D Notan, 10 from 54, 18.5%; R Martey, 0 from 36, 10.7%; P Niven, 11 from 82, 13.4%.

• The Lambourn trainer John Hills soddles his first runner in the United States on Sunday when Carol's Treasure attempts to end his racing career

on a high note in the Lauret Dash.

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2.30 (1m 29) 1. Affirmedon (J. Williams, 5-1); 2. Rio, Pedras (B-1); 3. Brigadier Bdl (33-1); 4. Fight Fantasy (33-1). Mass Reisun 9-2 (sv. 18 ran. 1°-1, nk, nk, J Hite. Tota. £5.90; £1.80, £2.20, £3.80, £7.10. DF: £54.90. CSF: £46.80. Theast: £1,145.32.

21,145.32.
4.0 (1m 51 125yd) 1, Spede's Blue (L. Derson, 2-1 (t-fav); 2, French try (6-1); 3, Seattle Braye (14-1). Tomain 2-1 (t-fav. 8 ron. Hd. 4t, B Hanbury, Toes: \$2.70; £1.10, £2.20; £5.10 OF: £15.00; CSF: £18.87.
4.30 (1m) 1, Secret Haunt II. Dettori. 10-1); 2, Stop Press (100-30); 3, Ataurix (20-1); Thibeain 11-8 fav. 16 ran. (6t, 2-5); L. Cumani. Tote: £12.20; £2.80, £1.80, £5.80. DF: £12.10. CSF: £45.75. 5.0 (6) 1, Rusory (Pat Eddery, 7-4); 2, Drum Sergeant :3-8 favt; 3, Autoreum (50-1), 8 ran. Hd. 2I, R Charlton, Tote: 63.50; 52.30, £1.10, £5.70, DF: £2.20.

epot £2,155.49. Wolverhampton Going: good to firm

CSF: C4 B5

Going-good to firm

1.30 ) Im 1() 1, Priceless Bond (W R
Sentoum, 4-5 fav), 2, Seat Yndigo (5-2); 3,
Sharmi (8-1) 5 ran, NR, Spino Career, 1:1,
71, M Stoute, Tote: £1.40, £1.10, £1.60,
DF: £1.60, CSF: £2.94,
2.0 (Im 41 100yd) 1, Strat\*s Laggacy JJ
Fortune, 33-1); 2, Cockad Hart Gal (8-1); 3,
Seville Way (11-8 fav), 12 ran, Shind, 17-1,
0 Arbumant, Tote: £18.50; £3.70, £2.50,
£1.10, DF: £2.20, CSF: £256.56, Tricast:
£560.78, No bid,
2.30 (51) 1, Banbury Flyer (W R
Switzum, 12-1); 2, Weisin Secret (20-1), 3,
Party Treat (11-4 fav), 15 ran, Hd, shind,
Mrs A King, Totes: £9.10; £2.70, £18.50,
£1.40, DF: £108.90, CSF: £197.39, Tricast:
£767.69.

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Going: good to firm

2.0 [6]] 1, Strofts: (Pat Eddery, 11-2): 2, Panton Lake (14-1); 3, Evenat Flame (7-2). Matta Cera 6-4 fav. 10 ran. 41, 74, R 8056. Tota: E5.20; E1.70, E2.50, E1.50, OF: 22.80 (m s) 1, Victorious Prince (J. Lowe, 10-1); 2, Casa 8efa (6-1); 3, Raknon Leap (0-1), Highland Bodder 3-1 tav 11, 44, M Prescont. Tone: E1.21, 9; E2.50, E3.00, E2.40, DF: E31.90, CSF: E63.85, Tases E480,05; No bid.

3.0 [50 1, Chiliboy (Pat Eddery, 9-2 fav); 2, Le Crisc (10-1); 3, Eager Deva (16-1); 4, Singring Star (7-1), 10 ran. 1, sh Ind. nit. J. Durlop, Tota: E5.00; E2.50, E2.50, E2.50, E3.60, E2.60, E2.6

### Cheltenham

Ceing: firm 2.0 |2m 41 hdle) 1, Nuns Jewel (I, Harvey, 7-4), 2, Kontselu (4-7 fav; 3, The Lidgale Star (40-1), 4-7n, 2/n, 301, J Bradley, 10ne; E2,30, DF; £1,20, CSF, £2,96. Ton: £2.30. DF: £1.20. CSF. £2.96.

2.35 [3m 11 nde) 1, Str Cruety (N Mann, 15-8 law): 2. Chuckerione (13-2), 3, Diray violet (5-2), 4 ran. 81, 48 Holder, Tole: \$2.30. DF: £8.00. CSF. £10.78.

2.10 [2m hds) 1, Hopscotch (1-5 lav): 2. Royal Man; (10-1); 3, They All Forgol Med (12-1); 5 ran. Dist, 5 lb. M Ploe, Tole: £1.30. E1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.30. CSF. £3.05. 3.45 (2m 41 ch) 1. Supping Tim (P Scudamore, 5-4 lav), 2, Oude (11-8: 3, Thar-An-Bherr (4-1), 3 ran, 3'sl. 15! At Pape. Tote: \$1.90. DF \$1.70 CSF: \$3.00. After

Wetherby

Going: firm
2.15 (2m 4) note) 1, Break The Chain (C Grant, 10-11 tart, 2, Greasby Hill (3-4) 3, Tranquil Waters (5-11 4 fan, 41, 31, W A Steonorson Tote 21-90; 21.20, 21.50, DF: £1.80 CSF: £3.08. 2.45 (cm hote) 1, Chapters' Bor (Mr S Swers, 10-1); 2 island Jersetter (15-9; 3, Highfield Proce (76-1) Camony River Evens tav. 5 ran. Hd. 12. J Swers, Total 52.53; Ch.60, \$1.40. DF: \$2.80. CSF: 526.51.

3.15 (3m 100yd ch) 1, Speech IC Grant, 6-5): 2, Brushlord (20-1) Cautious Pete 4. 5 fav. 3 rsn. Dest. W A Stephenson. Tote: £2.00. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.25.
3.45 (2m hdle) 1, Come Nome Kingstey (5 Hawkins, 14-1): 2, Tigrianello (4-1): 3, Steel River (50-1) Lars Porsena 11-£ fav. 10 ran. 20.1 St. P Beaumont Tote: £19.90: £280. Et 60, 54.50. DF. £21.90. CSF £55.65. 265.56.
4.15 (2m 50vd ch) 1. Choice Challenge (L Wyer, 21-20); 2, African Satan (12-1). Strong Approach Evens tov. 3 ran (Only 2 limshed) 151. M Hammond. Tote. £1.50. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.80 5.15 (2m flet) 1. Going On (8 McGrt, Evens fav); 2. Colomal Lard (8-1); 3. Poppadom (33-1), 9 ran. 2l, 2l, J Johnson, Tota. 52.30; 51.20; 51.40; 53.00. DF: \$15.20, CSF; 59.24. Placepot: £36.00



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BETTING: 94 Seascadeau, 3-1 Paim Serit, 9-2 Cut Up Rough, 6-1 Manchesterskytrain, 10-1 Spitine
Jubies 18-1 Notage, 14-1 others.

1539: DISNEYLAND S-11-7 M Pitmen (6-1) Mrs J Pitmen 6 ran 2.0 ISEFLO ICOINE CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES CHASE (\$2,017: 3m) (4 runners) 1 30-356 AMEROMANOS 330 (Mrs. S. Williams) Mrs. S. Williams 8-11-7 A Tory (3)
2 OPESOP. PACKY'S DREAM 259 (G) (A Groono) Mass P O'Connor 10-11-7 W MeFarland
3 O SP PATCHOCK'S PET 15 (F) (G Parker) F Yardey 7-11-2 A Municipal A Municip 2000-56 PATURACUS PEL Ses Anaromanos, 5-1 Pirrino, 10-1 Paddy's Dream, PETTING, 5-4 Property S PEL Ses Anaromanos, 5-1 Pirrino, 10-1 Paddy's Dream, 1959; SAN OVAC 6-11-7 P Scudamore (6-5 tay) C Brooks 5 ran Course specialists **JOCKEYS** Rides Per cert 23 26.1 17 23.5 25 10.0 34 14.7 27 11.1 37 10.6 TRAINERS المريح المريدين أأنا أأتحاث فالوجان والمتحجود ويوهي الأفعال بالإم يتستبيها والمترابي

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2.30 WATCHET NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,590: 2m 110yd) (8 runners) 4813 GREY SONATA 20 (D.BF.F) IX Darry C Pophism 10-9 W Invites
BODAMEST 24F (Mrs E Gmins) J Whote 10-7 O Monts
330 MERANDI SPECIAL 25 (Mrs J Thomas) J Thomas 10-T. A David (7)
PUSHY LOVER 360F (8) (O Stokas) W O M Turner 10-7. W Microritation 2222 SWEENY TODD 20 (8) (I) Muir) 9 Smart 10-7. W Microritation 3224 SHANNOR 7 (Uncorn Bloodstock and Racing Ltd) K Cumingham-Brown 10-2. R Goest
432 CHANNOR 7 (Uncorn Bloodstock and Racing Ltd) K Cumingham-Brown 10-2. R Goest
53 KALA'S PRINCESS 8 (T Riley-Smith) O Wilson 10-2. L Harry
64 TINA'S ANGEL 31 (F Dealy) J Pon 10-2. L Harry
65 TINA'S ANGEL 31 (F Dealy) J Pon 10-2. BETTING: 11-4 Channor, 100-30 Kata's Princess, 5-1 Gray Sonata, 7-1 Bodarnst, 8-1 Merandi Special, 12-1 Sweeney Todd, 14-1 Offices.

1989: PLUM TREE 10-2 J Lower (11-4) M Pipe B ran 3.0 LANSDOWNE CHEMICAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,716; 2m 110yd) (4 runners) Long bandicap: Deep Ridge 9-7, Entermicus 8-12, Ronocco 8-5.

BETTING: 1-2 Boardmans Style, 7-2 Ronocco, 5-1 Deep Ridge, 12-1 Britannicus.

1989: GREY TORNADO 8-11-0 B Powell (2-1) C Popham 4 ran 3.30 TIVERTON NOVICES HURDLE (21,590: 3m) (8 runners) 1 845-142 CARRICASTLE 29 (F) (C Whelehan) J White 5-11-1 D Months 98
2 13 CANNON HEATH 9 (CD,F) (C Black T Thomson Jones 8-11-4 Miss 9 Bible 0 99
3 R-0 ACROW LINE 12 (Orthopaetic Bedding Advesory Service) J Fox 5-10-12 S Fox (7) —
4 COLD MARSHE 122F (G Willey) O Tucker 5-10-12 R ATTER —
5 08-530 GO-GO-BAM 9 (Nrs 5 Wester) P Waterly 8-10-12 F Holley 91
6 080P-32 GRANGEY 31 (Nrs 1 Clay) Mrs L Clay 6-10-12 M Richards 7 P- CURRANT OFFER 273 (Nrs 1 Budd) Mrs C Budd 4-10-5 Date McKerown —
8 00 GNEHANETVE 7 (Nrs E Scott) G Ham 4-10-5 M Fitzgerold (7) —
85-TTING: 15-8 Cannon Heath, 100-30 Caltricasts, 5-1 Cold Martie, 6-1 Go-Go-Sam, 8-1 Orangoy, 10-1 Acrow Line, 14-1 others. 1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE LO RESORCINOL HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,406: 2m 3f) (8 runners) 1 21001-0 IN-KEEPING 12 (F.S) (Mrs H Read) M Pipe 4-12-0 R Miscraelee (7) 90
2 6)16 BEN ZABEEDY 15 (F) (Mrs A Salaman) J Thomas 5-10-12 Lorina Vincent 93
3 21- BEAN DREAMS 338 (O) (Mrs N Herper) M Muggandge 5-10-1) W Invite 95
4 214-224 SOLSTICE BELL 15 (B.F) (J Way) R Veerspuy 8-10-5 M K Name 9-59
5 2550-45 QRACE MOORE 10 (P) (A Raison) K Behop 6-10-4 S Earlee 95
6 135195- BARNEY MOW 154 (F) (Prest and Design Ltd) J Whos 4-10-3 D Skyrme (3) 93
7 551222 DESERT PALM 12 (C.F) (C Webs) R Hooget 5-10-0 A Tory (3) 95
8 000075 SON OF NOR 6 (B.F.S) (Mrs R Plummer) J Ehoti 8-10-0 R Greek

Long handleng: Desert Paint 9-12, Son Of Nor 8-13.

BETTING: 9-4 in-Resping, 100-30 Scissor Bell, 4-1 Sen Zebeedy, 6-1 Bean Dreams, 8-1 Desert Paint, 16-1 Grace Moore, 12-1 others.

1989: BY LINE 5-11-10 K Mooney (5-8 lav) F Walwyn 3 ran

# Off on the wings of prayer that force is still with Gooch

which he had never hitherto

betrayed, is as crucial to

Gooch's other suit, with the

Gooch has enjoyed a peer-

less summer, balting with a

disdainful authority which

visits only the great players.

England must pray that the

neak can they hope to outscore

Such is the strength of

initially at least, there will be

no room for Tom Moody and

Mark Waugh, who averaged

89 and 76 respectively for

their counties this summer.

Nor can there be an automatic

place for a young man who, in

the winter's first burst of

propaganda, has been labelled

One of the virtues of the

England side is that, at last, no

one is being forced to pretend

be is a new lan Botham. Over

recent years it bas been a

recipe for disappointment and

disillusionment and the same

might apply to Australia's

flavour of the month, Darren

Lehmann, who is an incon-

gruously stockier, cockier and

left-handed version of

Bradman. He is, however, prodigiously gifted at the age of 20 and, having ruffled

feathers by transferring from

South Australia to Victoria, he

will be a leading figure on this

England's players have

probably never seen Leb-

mann. This morning they

have more pressing things on

their minds. At a hotel near

Heathrow airport, they will

each autograph upwards of 200 bats, receive uniform

band-outs of everything from

blazers to sun-glasses, pose for

dozens of cameras and listen

thinking seriously about

the new Don Bradman.

in the world.

breath as Terry Alderman hypnotised Graham Gooch (i) is, indeed, barely a year) but cricket's most compulsive viewing is with us again. England, boasting 16 players and a good deal more confidence than when the Ashes were last at stake, fly to Perth this evening and the first of five Test matches with Australia is only five weeks' distant.

Buoyed by a near thing in the Caribbean and the rarity of two home wins this summer. the nation expects. This, history dictates, may be dangerous. Four years ago. Mike Gatting's louring side was widely derided on the approach to the series, which some declared a mismatch. England won 2-1. Then, in team deflating the bubbling new world of Ted Dexter and David Gower. England lost 4-

England and Australia are on an upward curve, at least equal and most intriguing perform not only to their best. Ashes series for many a year. but sometimes above them-This is indicated by the tra-selves. This gift of leadersbip,

IT MAY seem no time at all ditional verbal sparring, since we last held our patriotic which has begun conspicuously cautiously.

> Bob Simpson, the Australian coach whose job was probably secured by the 1989 win in England, has made the strongest pilch, saying that during his summer with Leicestershire he bas "seen nothing to make me think the result will be any different this

Micky Stewart, the England team manager, whose job was undoubtedly saved by the heroics in the West Indies. confines himself to a modest wish: "I will be disappointed if we don't do better against them than we did last year."

Gooch would probably not go quite that far. "We'll all be doing our best." was as much 1989, few in England counte- as the 37-year-old England nanced the lhought of an captain was prepared to venordinary-looking Australian ture while showing up the youngsters during orienteering training at Lilleshall last

There are, however, hidden On the face of it, however, depths to that trite remark; for Gooch, in his apparently humdrum way, somehow succeeds hinting at one of the most in making those under him

# Australia expect a stronger England

will find an Australian team confident but not complacent, despite its 4-0 Ashes success in England last year.
Allan Border, the captain of Australia, said at a recent train-

ing camp: "Forget about 4-0. They're here to avenge all that, But that's good. We want to bear them at their best, we want a really hard-fought series and we want to win a good contest."

Border and Steve Waugh will

be rested after a winter break and Mark Waugh and Tom Moody will be raring to prove themselves after prolific sum-mers in England. England are a different side and they're going

Despite the excellent form of younger players, including Darren Lehmann, the Victoria baisman, Border said: "At the moment, I would be loath to drop a guy who didn't have a good start to the season."

Australia's fast bowling altack will again rely on Terry Alder-man. Merv Hughes. Geoff Lawson and Carl Rackemann, from Bruce Reid and Craig McDermon. Border is keen to lure Trevor Hohns, the leg spinner, out of

international retirement. But Greg Matthews, the New South Wales all-rounder, has also earned his approval. Peter Taylor, the off spinner, may contest Curran swayed by Procter

### to a final management briefing on matters of conduct, deportment and diplomacy. Come the weekend, in Western Australia, they can begin

By Ivo TENNANT

KEVIN Curran, whose contract Gloucestershire." was not renewed by Gloucester-shire at the end of the season. yesterday joined Northamptonshire, ahead of five other counties, on a five-year contract.

spoke to all the counties who approached me. Curran said. average of 50.68 and took 64 wickers at 30.64 each. He was approached me." Curran said.
"Northamptonshire had shown interest before Mike Procter joined them as manager but it was my relationship with him and Allan [Lamb] which made up my mind.
"Where I but or when I bowl

does not really matter so long as I contribute to the side. My greatest goal in English cricket is to win something, to reach a Lord's final if possible. Northampionshire have a good chance of achieving what I never managed with

The considerable interest shown in Curran by other counties stemmed largely from his achievements last season. He made 1.267 first-class runs. the first player to reach 1.000 runs and take 50 wiekets. Hampsbire, having missed out on Curran, are to renew

The son of a former Rhode-sian cricketer, he is aged 31. Under EC regulations he is not an overseas player, which is a further attraction. He will be qualified to play for England in two years time and has not given Tim Boon, the Leicestershire up hope of doing so.
There has never been any doubt about his ability, yet

Gloucestersnire cricket comwhat I milice unanimously agreed that Yorkshire are among the with his contract should not be ucs who might want him.

renewed. Curran admitted yes-terday that he had clashed with Eddie Barlow, the county's new coach, but said that he had "a lot of good friends and support from within the team. He plans working on the family tobacco farm in Zimbabwe.

fast bowler for flext season, when they expect to be without Malcolm Marshall because of the tour by West Indies.

opening batsman, who scored more than 2,000 runs last season, has yel to sign a contract and is considering his future. Vorkshire are amone the coun-

### New Zealand face uphill struggle

NEW Zealand, one down in the three-match series against Paki-stan after losing the first Test by an innings and 43 runs at Karachi, have a difficult task if they are to level terms at the Gaddafi Stadium, where the second Test starts today.

They have a pedestrian bowlthe first Test was unable to cope with Pakistan's three fast bowlers. Wasim Akram. Waqar Younis and Apoib Javed, Pakistan have named a fourth fast howler. Saleem Jaffer, in their to play, replacing the off spinseef Ahmed, or the leg. spinner, Abdul Oadir. The pitch is newly prepared and has a green surface. Accord-

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ing to the groundsman. the Pakistani players practised on it two weeks ago and it is likely to crumble and help the spinners later.

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turn sooner than expected and I will make a decision of playing The fourth seamer or an extra Lanka are likely to play in India spinner on the morning of the match," he said.

Lanka are likely to play in India as a result of the Sharjah Cup, scheduled for December in the New Zealand have also

named a party of 12. Danny Morrison has a groin strain but is expected to play. It appears New Zealand will play the same leam as in the first Test. Both umpires, Saleem Badar and Athar Zaidi, will be stand-ing in a Test for the first time. NEW ZEALAND [from]: M O Crowe [caps].

DELHI: West Indies and Sri

United Arab Emirates, being cancelled IAFP reports). It is proposed that Sri Lanka should and West Indies play five himiour of Pakistan on December 12. The itingranes will be finalised at an Indian board meeting on October 23.

### **SQUASH RACKETS**

# Devoy shrugs off concussion

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SUSAN Devoy cannot remember the two shots with which she defeated Robyn Lambourne in finish only second in pool B. brought Lambourne to her third match ball at 9.9. Devoy flung of which their world champions herself sideways across the of which their world champions For Lambourne, who has been the revelation of these championships, it was another moment of frustrated excellence. She beat Lisa Onic in the individual quarter-finals 9-7

in the fifth game, but lost to Martine Le Moignan in the semi-finats 10-9 in the fifth. On yesterday's evidence, she might have become world champion if that last point against Le Moignan had gone the other way and put her in the final against Devoy.

She took the New Zealander into areas of unaccustomed panic, fighting back from 0-6 down to lead 9-7, 9-5, fading against the world champion's third and fourth game counterattack but surging again marvellously to hold match points at 8-5, 8-5 and 9-9 in the

lifih and final game. Devoy is a hard woman to push off that last point. She scrambled and fought ber way back into the maich. She fell badly at 5-8, hurting the side of her head, but gained her own first match ball at 9-8. Then, forlowly pursuing a clinging backhand wall-shot that

herself sideways across the court slid into the left-hand wall, attempted to rise, then collapsed into brief unconsciousness. At least two min utes elapsed before she faced service again, still topering and grimacing with pain. Lambourne, her concentration broken by natural concern for her opponent, lost the ur-

gency of her campaign. Devoy cracked home the two winners and went off groggily to have her head examined. England, without their iniured second-string Le Moignan. comprehensively defeated Germany to lead pool A yesterday and seem certain to face New

Zealand in Saturday's semi-

RESULTS: Third qualifying round: Peol A England 3. Germany 0 it. Other bt 9 Schone, 5-2, 9-5, 9-5; S. Horner bt 6 Grzene, 9-3, 9-1, 9-5; L. Sourger bt 6 Hobbs 9-2, 9-0, 9-0), Ireland 2. Frilland: IR Best bt 7 Mydynaem, 5-9, 9-6, 3-9, 10-8, 5-9, 2-9, 2-0, 9-1, Peol B: Nemertands 3 9-6, 5-9, 2-9, 2-0, 2-1, Peol B: Nemertands 3 Scattand 0 [N Beumar bt A Bown, 9-5, 5, 0, 9-7; N Housshab to S Brown 5-9, 10-9, 4-1, Peol C: Sweden 3, Madaysia 0 Canada 3 Switzerland 0, Peol 0: United States 3 Pepula New Gurnal 0, Franco 3, Spain 0.

# Roddan helps sprinter's quest to slay the dragon



# hristie repays a debt to his coach

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT ONE good turn deserves another and

Linford Christie has finally settled a nine-year debt to his coach, Ron Roddan put pen to paper in 1981 to

tell Christie that either he should knuckle down to training or forget sprinting. This summer it has been the turn of Christie's pen to carry influence. Roddan had been overlooked for a national coaching award and Christie's letter, seeking his nomination, led to Roddan becoming the thirteenth recipient of a £500 Post Office Counters coaching grant. "Back in 1981 Linford had gone

missing from training for a month, so I wrote to him and told him either to get back straight away or not to bother coming back," Roddan said. Christie knew he was in the wrong. "My trouble was that I would arrive halfway through a training session and stop if it got hard," he said. "Then I would disappear for the winter because it was cold." Christie has no doubt that he would not he where he is today - 100 metres European champion and record

Tennis

Leconte

exacts

revenge

ANTWERP (AP) - The French-

man. Henri Leconte, easily de-feated the Yugoslav, Goran Prpic, who had beaten him in

three sets in the first round of

the Belgian indoor champ-ionship in February, 6-3, 6-4 in

the EC championships.
Leconte, who had led

throughout was yesterday due to meet the No. 3 seed, Brad

Gilbert, of the United States, in

Jakob Hlasek, of Switzerland

bear the Argentinian, Franco Davin, 6-1, 6-2 for a second

round tie against the No. 4 seed, Yugoslav Goran tvanisevic. Amos Mansdorf, of Israel.

won a match against the No. 2 seed. Andres Gomez, in the second round after defeating

Tim Mayotte, of the United States, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in a long and

The Australian. Pat Cash, battled for two hours and 22

minutes to overcome country

man Richard Fromberg, 7-5, 4-

6, 6-4. He plays the No. 6 seed. Guillermo Perez Roldan, of Argentina, in the second round.

Other second round matches

pit the Australian, Todd Wood-bridge, againsi Juan Aguileru, of Spain; the Australian, Wally

Masur. against the No. 1 seed, Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, and Darren Cahitt, of Australia, against the No. 5 seed, Andrei Chesnokov, of the Soviet Linion

the second round.

dull match.

holder - without Roddan. "He is a great coach," Christie said. "I have been the best in Europe for four years, so there is no doubt he has to be the best coach." Christie was concerned that other sprint coaches had been recognised, but not Roddan. "People look at the John Isaacs

group (which includes John Regis, Marcus Adam and Tony Jarrett] but my record is better than all of theirs. I had to make a lot of noise for Ron to get this award. He is not pushy. He lets his athletes do his talking for Roddan, aged 59, has been in coaching half his life, always with

Thames Valley Harriers in London, Christie's club. "I was a 50.3sec 440 yards runner and, when my coach had to give up, I took over the group because I was the oldest one. Roddan said. "I was 30 at the time and for the next two years, while I was competing and coaching at the same time, I ran pbs." . Christie, too, expects to get quicker after 30. Fresh out of his twenties this

summer, he suffered a succession of defeats against Leroy Burrell, of the United States, prompting the inevitable question: "Is Christie past his best?" He dashed off his reply in Split, retaining the European title he had won four years earlier in Stutt-

"It's never over until the fat Lady sings," Christie said. And the fat lady, in Christie's mind, will have to sit through a few more of his acts before she is called to perform. "I get annoyed with people who think that, because I am 30, I must he finished. My start can get better and I can get stronger. I have been doing this seriously for only four to five years. "The world record is 9.92sec and I

can run faster than that. My European record is 9.97sec and I am going to go a lot faster than that, Believe me. What title has Burrell got? I had to peak three times this year - Commoowealth [which he won], European indoors [which he won] and European Leroy won the Good-will Games, but that is not important." Christie's priority next year, he

said, is to win a world championship medal. Next most important is to beat Ben Johnson. "To whip Ben is my No. 2 priority," Christie said.

Johnson the dragon. Christie's task is to slay the dragon to discourage young sprinters from being impressed by an athlete who has taken drugs.
"People say I should not race Ben, but
he must not be allowed to run and win, win, win. And I can beat him. If George hadn't killed the dragon, the dragon would have killed all the virgins. I am George going out there and Ben is the dragon."

Johnson returns to competition in Hamilton on January 11 after his two-year suspension. Christie has not received an invitation but, provided his winter preparation goes well, would welcome one. "I need to be in that race and to win it," he said. Roddan was waiting to put Christie through his paces. "Ten 150s to-

night," Roddan said as he returned to the track: Christie obliged. He learned long ago that, under Roddan, he cannot go home early. STOCKHOLM: Ben Johnson will compete in an IAAF meeting in

Malmo next August, Bengt Bendeus, a club official, said yesterday (AP reports). Bendeus said he had high hopes of also signing Carl Lewis and Leroy Burrell, to stage the first meeting among the three.

# Money chase in the Algarve Davies is

head start on the other 14 by

THE gap between the haves and have-nois in European golf was graphically exposed on the eve of the Portuguese Open in the Algarve yesterday. Mark McNulty, winner of the

Cannes and German opens this season and £425.000 prizemoney after 15 other top 10 finishes, has returned to the scene of his 1986 victory in the expectation of getting within striking distance of the European No. I spot beld by Ian

If the consistent Zimbabwe golfer does win this week's £45,825 utle — being defended by Colun Montgomerie, of Scotland — he will close to within £7,000 of the absent Welshman before the showcase Volvo Mas ters in Spain next week. That boasts a £75,000 winner's cheque and a bonus of £90,000 for the man who ends the year as European No. 1. McNulty, whose 37th birthday coincides

### with the first round at Hunt indicates he has not lost his touch

BERNARD Hunt, the former Ryder Cup captain, showed the younger professionals a thing or two yesterday when he part-nered Derwynne Honan, bis teaching professional at Foxhills, to a 66, six under par, and a share of the lead at Hillside, Southport, in the Golf Plus PGA fourbalt champ-ionship (a Special Corres-pondeni writes).

There were five other pairs on 66 at Hillside, while two other former Tour regulars, Nigel Bureb and Michael Inglis, both shot a 63 to lead at the easier

Hesketh course.

LEADING SCORES: At Mileide: 86. B Hunt and D Honam | Fountle): A Carter (Lincolm) and G Starford | Gamstorrought; J Carter (Lincolm) and G Starford | Gamstorrought; J Cartes | Lindesky and N Cheetham | Dona and Totely; K Stables (Mombrose) and A Webster | Edstell, 5 Branley | Callence (Garrison) and O Clury | Hebriam). D Armor (Risworth) and P Golding | South Herry, 67: P Walker and S Rooke (Wenommert: I Rae (Hollang Bush) and K Davidson (Strathcylor Park, K Jones (Calley) and G Tickell | Hellangshare) At Hesketts 63: N Burch and M Englis | Lungs| Echell | Sch C Gillion | Gamstor | Mount Osward and M Life (Beingham); Derne and W Guy (Bustranan Castle); Water (Waterd GR) and R Waters (Burley)

Valderrama, might never get a better chance of realising his lifetime ambition. At the other end of the scale

are those struggling to stay on a circuit which next year will be worth almost £20 million, by finishing in the top 120 of the merit list and avoiding the trauma of the winter qualifying school in France next month. For Steven Bottomley, of Yorkshire, this week's tour-nament, which also doubles as

the Tournament Players' Championship, represents the last chance of survival. Bottomley will be on the first tee at Quinta do Lago shortly after dawn this morning and is prepared to stay there until the last player in the field of 126 bits bis opening drive, in the bope of gaining a last-minute place. Bottomley's waiting game is

necessary because he holds the 120th and last exempt place for next season, but has been unable to win a place here. Last night he was still 15th reserve, but had a

being in Portugal. Bottomley, aged 25, from Shipley, said: I have to clutch at every straw I can because the five players immediately behind me are all playing here and if one of them qualifies I will have to go back to school for the fourth year in a

Bottomley, who leads the 121st man, Neal Briggs, by just £36, threw away £2,000 prizemoney in the recent BMW Open in Munich by missing his thirdround starting time and getting disqualified. It was a stupid mistake and I was so shattered I went bome and kicked the furniture around for two days." Robert Lee, the Portuguese champion in 1987, is another

facing the guillotine. His twoyear exemption for that victory runs out this week and the Londoner is down in 157th place. He must finish in the top three or also go back to the

### British Isles' record is spiced with experience From John Hennessy in Christchurch

GLANCE at the records The two champions are Goetz identifies the favourites for this week's women's amateur team

championship at Russley here in New Zealand. The United States, having won the biennial Espirito Santo ten Il mes out of 13, have every justification for an overpowering sense of superiority again. Great Britain and Ireland, along with France, are regarded as potential threats, should the Americans fail to live up to expectations.

The US team of Vicki Goetz, Pat Hurst and Karen Noble is seen by one camp follower as an average representation from his country. "nothing special", which is not to say that it will be anything but formidable in world terms.
Kalherine Graham, the US

capiain. vehemently and unsurprisingly dissociates herself from such a base insinuation. "It's some team", she argues. "which can include the last two US amateur chaminon to I nomas at Strathaven.

The season's form is bolstered by experience in the case of the British Isles team, since Hall and Hourihane have played in the Espirito Santo and Thomas. pions. But I'm delighted there are people who do not realise how good they are."

(1989), who was 16 then and is 18 today, and Hurst (1990), who is 21. Noble, another year older, who won her two singles maiches in this year's Curtis Cup, was runner-up in the 1988

Mary McKenna captain of.

Mary McKenna, captain of the Great Britain and Ireland team, is also not lacking in confidence. "I really have no doubt we can win," she said, pointing to a remarkably parallel record to that of the Americans. She, too, calls upon two champions in Julie Hall two champions in Julie Hall (England) and Vicki Thomas (Wales), holders respectively of the matchplay and strokeplay titles at bome, and a runner-up in Claire Hourihane (Ireland), who was second to Thomas at

like her two comrades-in-arms. has been blooded in the Curtis

# looking for a way

From PATRICIA DAVIES IN MADRID

NICOLA Way, sister of Paul Way and second reserve for the Woolmark, Matchplay Champ-ionship which starts at Club de Campo here today, has been called up for duty. Her oppo-nent in the first round is Laura Davies, the most formidable. although not at present the most successful, woman golfer in Way's favour is the fact

that Davies is low on con-fidence, without a wir this season and has never moved beyond the second round in this event. Those conditions apply to Way as well; nor does she have victories in the British and United States Opens to boast about either. Davies has taken her slump so

seriously that she has sought advice. Having missed the cut in Japan and the US in successive works, she stayed at home last week and spent some time at the range. "Dave Regan looked over me", she said, "and gave me some confidence back, I've got a practice musing to go to "she practice routine to go to." she added, a trifle vaguely, "and i can't wait to try it out."

Regan, the professional at West Byficet, has helped Davies

in the past. He noticed that she was sliding her hips across too soon, with the result that the ball could be carved anywhere. If Davies bas sorted that out and found somewhere to stay thosel rooms are at a premium, as many as 30 telephone calls away, as one caddie discovered),
Way could be in trouble.
Davies and Way are in the
bottom half of the draw, not farfrom Alison Nicholas, who is

seeded to meet Trish Johnson in the final on Sunday. Johnson plays Alicia Dibos. Peru's pro-fessional, in the first round. · LAKE BUENA VISTA Payne Stewart, the local favourte, can become a PGA Tour, millionaire and head the overall prize-money list by pocketing top prize in the Disney World Golf Classic which state the control of the control Golf Classic, which started here in Florida yesterday (AP)

reports).
Greg Norman, who leads the tour with \$907,977 in official winnings this year, is not

### **REAL TENNIS**

### Snow turns back clock

amaleur player, extracted re-venge for his defeat last season by Mark Devine, the Learnington assistant professional, when he beat Devinc in three exciting sets (Sally Jones writes), The match involved a wager

of several hundred pounds on each side and marked a return to the old-style gaming contest of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The win allowed Snow to recoup much of the £500 stake which he lost last

This time conceding a handi-cap of 15 to his opponent, he looked far sharper, cutting the ball to an immaculate length off the floor and exposing the Devine's slight stiffness and lack of balance on the foreband. The victory will boost his

Britain in the World Cup amateur team competition which starts this weekend in Mel-bourne, Australia.

IESULT: Leamington Challenge Match: J NOW bt M Davina, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

### CYCLO-CROSS

## First target for Douce STEVE Douce, with four victories in the series, is seeded. The Netherlands this weekend. No. 1 for the Smirnoff Chall- in the Smirnoff he leads the

enge international on his favourite course at Harlow on favourite course at Harlow on November 4 (Peter Bryan British champion, and the inter-

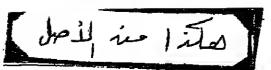
writes).
The race will be the Raleigh professional's first domestic international of the season and one, he said yesterday when the hine-up was announced, that he would like to win for the fifth time.

John Darid Trench, teams have accepted invitations, among them Chris David, the Belgian world military champion, who was sixth attime.

national, Barrie Clarke. Belgian, Dutch and French

Douce, committed to cyclo— Two Great Britain cross after pulling out of mounteems, will ride. Two Great Britain amateur

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McMenemy pleads for future under-21 fixtures to return to the provinces

# FA counts cost in the capital

Under-21 European championship qualifying match at White Hart Lane on Tuesday

night, proved ill-founded.
Only 2,146 saw Lawrie McMenemy's team lose I-0 to run on to, reached the defend-Poland in the first match of their campaign to reach the championship finals in 1992, and the FA is to undertake an immediate review of future

venues for such fixtures.

The smallest gate for an under-21 international in England for at least seven years was five times lower than the

think there is a strong case for taking these matches around the provinces, where people are delighted at the chance of seeing international football.

Knocked off the ball too easily, caught offside too frequently, and with Lee and Dodd prominent within the English rearguard, it was the hosts who dominated. Nevertheless, The lack of atmosphere certainly did not help us."

An England B fixture at gland's possession proved sunderland last spring attracted over 15,000 and, broviding local players were received, a similar gate would important, the main objective have been drawn to see the have been drawn to see the under-21 team.

The London public being sated by football is one problem: Tottenham's decision to fix admission prices at a minimum of £5 for standing and £6 for a seat - hardly an inducement to potential spectators - was another.

Those who turned up saw England succumb to a brittle Poland, who scored the game's only goal four minutes from time. McMenemy must have learnt that power and directness are no substitutes for guile and precision.

"Our passing was not good," be conceded. That was an understatement. England, who deployed the improving David Lee as a sweeper, football school pushed Jason Dodd and Caris four years ago.

THE Football Association's Vinnicombe, the full backs, decision to stage the England forward, but few accurate crosses were dispatched. Likewise, too many of the

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long punts played through the middle, intended for Ian Olney and Mark Robins to ers. Such a strategy rendered the off-the-ball runs of Rodney Wallace virtually irrele-vant, and England's best chance of scoring looked to be from a set-piece, or else longrange speculation.

Favouring rather more passes to feet and lingering longer in the midfield, Poland attendance for last month's played a different game, and match against Hungary at The Dell, and McMenemy did not disguise his disappointment.

"It was not my decision to play it in London," he said. "I the visitors were knocked off the ball too easily, think there is a strong case for capit offside too frequently.

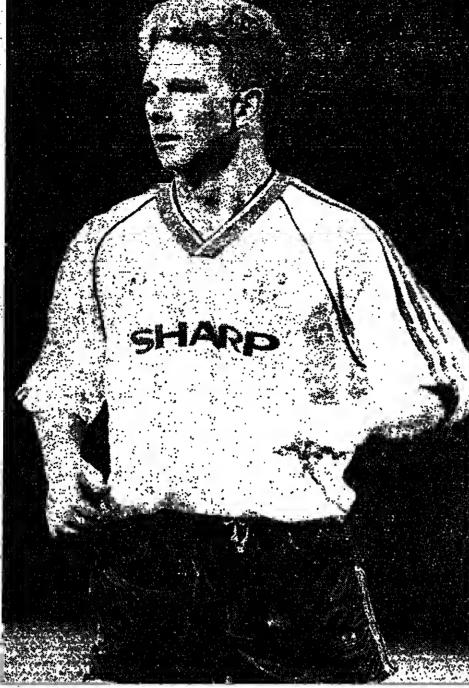
rearguard, it was the hosts who dominated. Nevertheless, when the Poles finally allied power to their panache, En-

of the under-21 side is to develop and produce players who will eventually represent their country at senior level." Yet, with the likes of Alan Miller, Dodd and Mark Blake

boasting only a handful of League appearances between them, there is a gulf between the two representative sides, and a full programme of B fixtures would surely prove of more use to Graham Taylor, the England manager.

It will be interesting to note.

whether or not John Ebbrell, Robins and Miller progress to full honours. Those three members of Tuesday's under-21 line-up were among the first batch of pupils to graduate from the FA's national football school at Lilleshall



Chasing in vain: Mark Robins, of Manchester United, suffered a frustrating night

# Romanian defence humbled Creaney promises

BUCHAREST (AFP) — Roma-oia crashed to an embarrassing manager, Martin Snoeck, said 3-0 defeat at the hands of Bulgaria here yesterday in their Sabau, a midfield player, European Championship group three qualifier. World Chambit the two clubs three qualifier.

Gools from Sirakov, Todorov and Kostadinov, all three from fast counter-attacks, saw the visitors through a rough and tumble match in which four Bulgarians and one Romanian

By the end, the home crowd were booing and whistling a Romanian side which featured most of its World Cup squad, including the midfield player, Besten by Scotland and now

Bulgaria, Romania are almost certaio to miss the boat to Sweden in 1992. agreed to pay an extra \$200,000 Beigum.

(£102,000) to Dynamo Bucharest, of Romania, to end a row over Ioan Sahan's manager, Piet Derweksen

yesterday.

Sabau, a midfield player, joined Feyenoord after the World Cup but the two clubs have since been in dispute, Last

mouth Snoeck alleged the Romanian authorities had threatened Sabau, adding this was part of a campaign to extort a higher transfer fee.

Snoeck apologised for the allegations which he said had textified from a feet transfer fee.

resulted from an interpreter's misunderstanding. "The transfer is now a closed book and both sides are very pleased it has been cleared up," he said.

 The Israeli international forward, Eli Ohana, has joined the. Portuguese first division club.

The Mechelen financial manager, Piet Deryckere, said Ohana would play for Braga until the end of the season. Dynamo here this week and made some concessions to settle the matter in a friendly feel.

# United, joined Mechelen in 1987 but has not played this season after refusing a new impressive future

SCOTLAND may be short of senior forwards of international class, but they may have discovered one of the future at Dunfermline last night. Gerry Creaney, of Celtic, was the outstanding figure in an impressive overall team performance as Scotland Under-21 comfortably beat Switzerland 4-2. The Napoli captain, Diego Maradona, returned to Italy yesterday two days late from a holiday in his native Argentina after saying he wanted to return the state of the same and the saying he wanted to return the say the say and the saying the saying saying the saying saying the saying saying the saying home to play for Boca Juniors. Maradona, at Fiumicino air-port, in Rome, said: "No, I won't talk. First I've got to talk to [Napoli president Corrado]

breaking a knuckle during the carpeted by Lloyd for failing to

last night. The 25-year-old mid-field player, rated at £300,000, escaped a club fine after being all sidelined with knee injuries.

for a crucial league match against AC Milao, on Sunday.

He was expected to meet

Napoli's general manager Luciano Moggi later yesterday.

Before leaving Maradona,

return to Argentina soon to

whose contract with Napoli expires in 1993, said he wanted

Rumbelows Cup match with Walsall. Chelsea's manager,

Bobby Campbell, is optimistic that the Northern Ireland for-ward will be available for Sat-

urday's League game at bome to

Gary O'Reilly, the Crystal Palace defender who scored in last season's FA Cup Final against Manchester Uoited,

could be on the move to

Swansea City.Palace have accepted an offer of £125,000 for

the 29-year-old former Totten-

ham and Brighton player, and now O'Reilly must decide

whether he wants to move to Vetch Field.

Robert Codner, sent bome by

the Brighton manager, Barry Lloyd, from the team's botel before last Saturday's match at

West Brom, was put in the reserves at bome to Portsmouth

FOOTBALL

BOWLS

HMATION: Paulding

Nottingham Forest.

ably beat Switzerland 4-2. optiming the state of two outstanding goals and Paddy Connolly, of have beat of level. Maradona flew home to Buenos Aires last week on a four-day trip "for personal and family reasons," and had been under orders to report for training on Tuesday to prepare

under-21 international resulted in a goal, three minutes into a prised by the performances they game which sparkled with in-vective football. The young Celt, aged 20, who has taken the premier division by storm over the past mooth, also set up two memorable start to his international career. Switzerland, despite level-

meet the team's coach. He was sent bome after making his own

way to the team hotel on Friday

Reading have sold their mid-

field player, Keith Knight, to non-League Gloucester City for

£5,000. The 21-year-old was signed by Reading from Cheltenham Town for £7,000 two seasons ago and made 43

League appearances, scoring

• The Wolvernampton

Wanderers forward, Andy Mutch, faces surgery on his injured back. The Wolves man-

ager, Graham Turner, said:
"Andy has a bulging disc at the
base of his spine and if the

eight goals.

creaney was not alone in giving Scotland manager, Andy Roxburgh, good cause to feel optimistic about the future. Findlay, Connolly and captain, Paul Lambert, all showed they have bright futures at the top

the night to round off the The Scotland coach, Craig scoring, but they could oot Brown, predicted a bright future deflect the spotlight off Creaney.

His first touch in his first right-hand man to Roxburgh. said: "I'm delighted and sur-

"I was worried at the start of the season that so few of them had experienced in the premier division, but since then they have come through, and you can see the progress they are making. All four goals were the result of flowing moves."

### Minister wants decisions to be sympathetic

By LOUISE TAYLOR

stuns Gul ROBERT Atkins, the Minister USING double-handed shots. for Sport, vesterday released a draft planning policy guidance Peter Marshall, the British note, urging local authorities to give sympathetic consideration to development proposals de-signed to achieve all-seated qualifier, stunned Mir Zaman 15-10, 15-8, 15-10 in the Canadian Opeo squash accommodation at Football
League grounds. However, it
made it clear that football
stadium could not be regarded championship.

Austin Adarraga, of Spain, provided another first-round upset by beating Bryan Beeson, of Britain, the sixth seed. as an appropriate development

within an approved greeo belt. The National Playing Fields TENNIS: David Lloyd, the former British Davis Cup player, said yesterday he had obtained £6.675 million equity Association yesterday launched Accordingly business organ-isations are offered a playing funding for new tennis and fitness centres at Watford, Chigwell and Enfield. condition does not improve over the next ten days, the specialists may have to take a slice off the disc." Wolves are and the money raised will be EQUESTRIANISM: Douglas Bunn has succeeded General Si Cecil Blacker as chairman of the and the money raised will be used to protect hundreds of other sites under threat from British Show Jumping Associ-acion's international selection

developers. sub-committee. TABLE TENNIS

### **RUGBY UNION**

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

Leeds date

may cost

Sheffield

thousands

By Keith Macklin

GARY Hetherington, the ad-

mioistrator and coach of Sheffield Eagles, reacted furiously to the draw for the preliminary round of the Regal Trophy

which, be says, has robbed his club of thousands of pounds in gate receipts and potential spon-

sorship.

Leeds were drawn to play
Halifax in the preliminary
round, and the match will take
place on November 18, the day

when Eagles were due to enter-tain Leeds at their new Don Valley stadium.

the draw and lay the League open to criticism that draws are bland and predictable with no element of surprise.

**SWIMMING** 

New club

to utilise

raw talent

By CRAIG LORD

THE Scottish Amateur Swimming Association has overruled a district committee for the first

time in more than 17 years to allow the formation of the RCP Swimming Club in Edinburgh.

Scotland's latest club, which will be based at the Royal Commoowealth Pool, will utilise the talents of some of the

4,000 childreo who are taught at the district council's swimming

lessons each year.

The club's passage to affiliation has been rough, with the Eastern District twice voting against allowing the club to

form. District committee members feared the group would overwhelm existing clubs in the city, although the district is not

obliged to give specific reasons for refusing affiliation to the

However, an SASA executive

committee meeting has decided to overrule the district, welcom-

club's existence, could be dealt with under SASA law, as was the

case for all swimming clubs in

William Black, the secretary of the SASA, said: "There were

fears at district level that the

RCP club might overwhelm existing clubs but given the

existing claus but given the figures that we have been provided with, which show that 4,000 children pass through lessons each year, it was thought the city could afford to house another club."

IN BRIEF

Marshall

# **High-fliers look** for glory with one eye on crowd

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

greatly encouraged by their start and they will recognise a couple to the season, will feel even of faces from that game, since better if they have replaced Clifton on Saturday at the top of the third division, after the match between the two clubs at Brierton Lane.

Clifton head the division.

having won their three league games, whereas West Hartlepoul dropped a point when they drew with Exeter 18-18 in the first league game of the season.

Indeed it was only a penalty goal
by Gtyn Armstrong, kicked
from a metre inside his own half, that saved the day on that occasion, which makes the failure of their place kiekers the more ironic against Metropolitan Police last week.

A five-figure gate was expected, plus additional sponsor-ship and a television fee. Hetherington says all three will be seriously affected by the switch to a new date in midtan Police last week.

Though West won 12-8. Armstrong and John Stabler, centre and stand-off half respectively, between them missed eight kicks. In the end the margin proved sufficient, but such wasted opportunities could make the difference assists. week, and he says that more care should be taken to ensure that cup draws do not seriously effect important matches in the Stones Bitter championship.

Many influential figures in rugby league would like to see top teams exempted from the preliminary rounds of major Hetherington and the British Amateur Rugby League Association (Barla).

However, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, David Oxley, has argued that this would take away the luck of

make the difference against Clifton, in a match which sees Peter Robinson return to West's back row, instead of the injured Sean Cassidy, and Paul Whitelock, fit again after a knee injury, come in at tight-head

WEST Hartlepool, having been sequently winners of the cup) Clifton include Phil Cue at full back and Peter Polledri in their

But one of the north-east club's main concerns is to try to attract more spectators through their gate, commensurate with their league standing. Around 300 watched the game against the Police and, given their thriving junior section. West believe there should be more and are considering whether to and are considering whether to offer free tickets to youngsters, if they are accompanied by an adult, in the hope of raising

It may be too early in the season to talk of promotion for West, given the competitive situation developing just below situation developing just below them in the third-division table. Sheffield and Broughton Park, have dropped only one league match each and another north-ern club, Morley — strongly fancied at the start of the season — are just behind, coupled with Exeter on three points.

 Bristol, bappy to have opened their first-division account for the season against Sacacens last Saturday to Liverpool St Hcl-Seven years ago West lost 16t4 in the John Player Cup the table after three defeats in a quarter-finals to Bristol (sub-

# Penarth willing to sacrifice points

and the back row forward. Bruce Murdoch, because of mounting injury problems. The club has 21 of their 45-strong squad out

of action.

"We are in an absolutely desperate situation, and we hope the WRU will let us play these boys." the club coach, Rob

Harris, said. we would certainly have a "We don't mind if we have 10 rethink if it meant dropping

PENARTH may forfeit the chance of League points on offer against Aberavon on Saturday by playing two ineligible New Zealanders.

They are seeking permission from the Welsb Rugby Union to play the prop, Peter Charlton, and the back row forward. Bruce tion ruling, it's a complete joke, Either you can use these players

Penarth are unlikely to play Charlton and Murdoch if the WRU threaten the club with demotion, though,

"That would be a different ball game," Harris said. "We don't mind forfeiting points but we would certainly have a oown a division.

### HOCKEY

### England's fortunes turn sour after penalty miss

By Sydney Friskin

England XI .. Australian Institute..

to overrule the district, welcoming the club white stating that any problems which may arise as a consequence of the RCP club's existence, could be dealt stitute of Sport with yet another victory on their tour of Europe at Lilleshall yesterday.

It is typical of the game's vicissitudes that its fortunes can turn on a single incident, as it did yesterday when Lee's pen-alty stroke landed against a post io the fourth minute of the second half. The score should have been 2-2 but it was not long before the Australians increased their lead to 3-1 to put them-selves on the road to victory.

England made the kind of start they wanted with Roberts setting up a chance for Pidcock to score in the sixth minute. Within two minutes the Australians retaliated with a goal by

England counter-attacked strongly and Kirkland's shot from their fifth short corner brought Woods into action with

an acrobatic save. The visitors had better luck from their third short corner, which was con-verted by Williams in the 25th minute. He struck again with great force from another short corner in the 48th minute for a 3-1 lead.

short corner again for the Australians and this time Elmer scored indirectly. Almost immediately Billson scored with a reverse hit for England from a centre by Pidcock, helped along

But any hope of an England revival was set aside with Dawkins following up after Langston had saved from Bodimeade to score the fifth goal for the Australians.

ENGLANOXI: A Forshaw (Bourn Email ANO X: A Fornition (Bournville, sub: M Langston, Wakefield); M Kinkland (Slough), P Wallis | East Grinstead), M Chaudry (Slourport), J Roberts (Stourport), A Degun (Barford Tigers), R Crutchley (Neston), J Pidzock (Neston), M Cross | 3romley, sub: A alilban, Teddington), P Nali (Havant), J Lee (East Grinstead). AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE: L Woods: T

Williams, A McDonald, O King, L Elmer, S Dawkins, L Bodimeade, O Bannerman, Carter, P Lawis, S Purcell.

### Taylor cut from squad

SEAN Rowlands, who replaces Steve Taylor in goal, represents the only change in the Great Britain\_squad for the Champions Trophy tournament in Melbourne from November 17 to 25.
Bernie Cotton, the team man-

ager, said: "We ought to pat Sieve Taylor on the back for his long service and commitment but inevitably the younger and bigger players have to be pre-ferred."

The British team, which will leave London on November 4, will play two matches against Australia, on November 10 and

hours I have to charge the

batteries each day I have to feed

Alain Gautier, sailing the French 60-footer Generali Concorde, continues to set the pace.

1. Project City Kids (J Boye, US) 2,229. 2, Sponsor Warned (D Michighe, Aus) 2,600. 3. Servent (Y Oupasquier, Fr) 2,737. 4, New Spirit of Ipsenton (J Had. GB) 2,787; 5. Koden (Y Testa. Jepen) 2,955; 5, Senage (H Roth, US) 3,169. Connthian class: 1. Global Exposure (R Davie, GB) 3,217; 2, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US) 3,575; 3. Nifhau 4 (R Hooke, US) 3,545; 4, Shutendohlj (M Saito, Japan) 3,657.

bucket," he said yesterday.

tournament's opening day. COUTTAITMENT'S OPENING day.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: JEngland unless stated): S Rowlands (Havant, O Luckes (East Grinstead), O Faulkiner (Havant, capt), S Marrin (Holywood 87 and N Ire), J Laslett (Teddington), J Potter (Hourstow), Soma Singh (Southgate), R Hill (Havant), J Shaw (Southgate), R Garcia (Havant, J Khrwood (Lisnagarvey and N Ire), R Thompson (Houstow), M Thompson (Old Laughtoniane), R Clift (East Grinstead), M Grimley (Neston), O WRitams

11, and meet Netherlands on the

● Great Britainbeat Wellington 8-t yesterday (Alix Ramsay writes). Three newcomers to the squad, Bayliss Wright and Robertson, were among the

### **YACHTING**

### Rusty can opener is a headache for Davie THE biggest headache for Robin has broken, and for the two

Davie, leading the Corinthian class in the BOC Challenge, the single-handed round the world race, is a blunt and rusting can opener (Barry Pickhall writes). The British yachtsman, who crossed the equator at noon yesterday 156 miles ahead of his LEADING POSITIONS (at 15.06 GMT vesterday, with miles to Cape Town); Class 1: 1, General Concords (A Gauter, Fr) 1.451 miles; 2. Credit Agricole (P Jeantol, Fr) 1.526; 3, Allied Bank (J Martin, SAI 1.620; 4, Groupe Scata (C Augun, Fr) 1.687; 5, Duracell (M Plant, US) 1.744; 5. Ecurauli PC (I Audisser, Fr) 1.830 Class 2: 1, Project City Kids (J Boye, US) 2,229; 2, Sponsor Warrand (D Michignon, Ausis) 2,600. nearest rival, reported: "I am relying almost exclusively on tinned food and now have to prise everything oul with a screw-driver."
"I thought Volcano might

catch me in the Doldrums last week, but she too eventually fell back in the calms." Davie said. Robert Hooke, the Londonbased American banker holding third place, was dealing with a

more pressing problem on the 45ft Niihau 4. "The fuel pump **Rothmans** is favoured

this year's Sydney to Hobart race as soon as her entry was confirmed (Bob Ross writes), The maxi, skippered by Law-

The race begins on December

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Hughton pleads for nightmare to end CHRIS Hughton yesterday million). Cesena officials repleaded for an end to his free transfer nightmare. The Tottenham Hotspur full back, aged 31, is haffled that he has attracted ooly slight interest from Shef-field United and West Ham United since Terry Venables rewarded his 13 years loyal service at White Hart Lane with

a free transfer last summer.
"I'll listen to any reasonable
offer," he said. "All a club has to do is pick up the phone. I still have plenty to offer and the longer this goes on the more frustrated I'm becoming.

Frankie Buon, the Oldham Athletic forward, has gone mto hospital for another knee operation. Bunn, aged 27, twisted the joint in his first outing in six fourth knee operation in two

OCESENA, Italy (AP) - The Italian club, Cesena, has signed the Brazilian forward, Paulo

national team, will transfer from Espanol, of Montevideo, on a loan basis.

• The former Crystal Palace and Chelsea midfield player, Jerry Murphy, has returned to this country after two years in Australia and had a ruo-out with Brentford in their home reserve game with Colchester United vesterday afternoon.

Jonathan Gould, the 22-year-old goalkeeper son of the former

Wimbledoo manager and much travelled forward. Bobby Gould, has been given a two-year contract by Halifax Town.

• Chester City have signed the goalkeeper, Fred Barber, on a months after overcoming liga- month's loan from Walsall, ment damage. It will be his Barber replaces Billy Stewart, who begins a three-match ban on Saturday after his sending-off at Bradford City earlier this

the Brazilian forward, Paulo Chelsea have Kevin Wilson Silas, for 1.6 billion lire (\$1.4 back in training, a week after

ported yesterday that Silas, a regular member of the Brazilian

WORK-19 YOUTH PRIESTATIONAL England O, Belgiom O. BARCLAVS LEAGUE: Fourth distribute Hartepool United O, York City 1: Torquiny United 1, Wheetham O. United 1, Wheedam 0.

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TUESDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

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VALIDITAL LEAGUE: Pression distinct
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Hayes D; Marriow 3, Bashop's Stordord 1;
Hayes D; Marriow 3, Bashop's Stordord 1;
Challons S; Peter 0, Barching and Michaem 1;
Challons S; Peter 0, Barching D; Duberch
Harnier 1, Harlow 3, Undridge 0,
Southwick 1; Walson and Harnism 3,
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Berkhamsted 0, Harriow 1; Caption 9,
Purfeet D; Hornobusch 1, Tabory D;
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B, Lagmentsen 3, Newbury 1,
March 3; Southwel 2, Campbing 1, Peters
Bard Lordon League: Pressient distinct Hornets miss out Rochdale Horners have failed to sign. Phil Blake, the former Warrington and Wigan rugby league utility back, whose con-tract with South Sydney has

HPS LOANS LEAGUE Preside Station HECL WI Bustos 4, Gampborough 3, Friedly 2. expired.

Bangor City 1. First division: Irlens Caemarvon 2: Newtown 1. Warrington Viorksop 2, Bridlington 2. BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Larchine BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Lincolniage Windows. Cape. Flast round, flast leg: Andows? 2. Saisoury 3; Barry 1, Yata 1; Bridgeorth 2. Stoubridge 1; Buckingham 4, Barry Town 1; Burrion 2. Atherstone 1; Dartford 2. Ashiond 3; Erith and Belveders 2. Margets 2; Folkestone 2. Crawley 4; Gosport 1, Wignercoville 4; Grantham 3, Rushden 1; Gravesond 0, Hythe 2; Helseowen 8, Alvectoren 0; Hessings 2. Curiothian 3; King's Lyrin 1, Soldding 1; Raddisch 1, Williamd 3; Tamesorth 1, Moor Green 1; Trowbridge 3, Stoud 2; Witney 2, Gloubester 1. Polyties. Central, League: Find divisions Liverpool 3, Leads 0; Manchester Version 1. Control Missions Liverpool 3. Leads 0; Manchester Missions Liverpool 3. Leads 0; Manchester Missions Liverpool 3. runtiess CENTRAL LEAGURE First di-vision: Liverpool 3, Leeds 0; Manchester City 2, Hudoersted 0; Shaffield Wednes-day 1, Manchester United 0, Second division: Bradford City 4, Stoke 2; Griensby 0, Notes County 1; Preston 3; Middlesbrough 4, Camerant Anddesbrough 4. COUNTY 1; Preston 3; Middlesbrough 4. COMBINATION: Chetsea 0, Wimbledon 1; Queen's Park Rangers 2, Penam 2; Waxtord 1, Oxford United 5. United 3.

SPEAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Bristol Manor Parm 2, Taumon 1; Listoper 5, Torrington 2; Paulion 3, Weston-super-later 1.

SEWSON EASTERM COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier distance Cucton 0, Havernal 2; Haletead 3, Cretteria 2; Haletead 3, Cretteria 2; Harwich and Parkeston 5, Loweston 0; Watton 1, March 0. yyncon 1. March U. NEDOLESEX SENIOR CUP: Second CARDINARY round: Harefield O., Cheenuni SHOULER SCHOOLS TROPHY: Second Resed: Bischpool 3, Stockport 3; Stafford 1, Woberhampion 0.

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 SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Exeter 5, Cardiff 3; Herelord 3, Bournemouth 3, REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Clid Boys League 0, London Legal League 0 (et Old Edmontonians).

COLDITY MATCH Seckshire 175, Wittphre EUROPEAN TOUR MONEY-WINNERS: 1, 1 Viscountern (Welses), £481,975; 2, M McNuthy (Zim), £492,976; 3, J-M Claudharl (Sol. £992,952; 4, R Retienty (N Inc), £292,2255; 5, B Langer (Gor), £264,390; 6, D Felterty (N Inc), £292,550; 7, R Dawls (Mus), £204,750; 8, M James (Gor), £768,270; 9, N Facto (Eng), £1982,588; 10, S Torranco (Soco), £785,123, £1963,580; 10, S Torranco (Soco), £785,123, £1963,580; 10, S Torranco (Soco), £785,123, £1963,570; 2, P Sheerian, \$725,412-3, £ King, \$520,010; 4, P Braciley, \$471,443; 5, C Genring, \$483,453, 5, R Jones, \$328,570; 7, N Lobez, \$301,322; 8, A Characto (Lapten), \$280,073; 9, O Ammericana, \$256,251; 10, C Rancis, \$252,788, British placings; 41, P Wingin, \$54,111; 63, L Dawles, \$93,833; 71, T Johnson, \$5,755; 111, C Pharca, \$23,784; 119, K Dawles, \$18,339.

RUGBY FIVES CLUB MATCH: Old Bediomians 120, Cob-

FOR THE RECORD MIDLAND BANK SIXTH FORM AND TER-TRARY -COLLEGES CLIP: Third reunds: Huddensfield: Huddensfield New College 2, York 0: Stoke 1. Newcastie 0 Final: Huddens-teeld 2, Stoke 0. Redditch: Softwill 5. Stressbury 0: Luddow 2. Forest of Deen 0. Freeb. Softwill 1. Luddow 2. Southusphote: Peter Symmonds 1. Havant 1. (Symmonds won 3-2 on penatiles): Yeovit 1. Worthing 1. Float: Symmonds 3, Yeovit 0.

TENNIS SCOTTSDALE, Arizone: Women's team-nament: First round (US unless stated): W White bt E Burein, 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; E DeLone bt K Rinald, 6-3, 6-2: M L Daniel's bt B Collins, 6-1, 6-2; S Rouser (Neth) bt K Adams, 6-4, 6-4; P.L Harper bt A Streadovs (C2), 6-3, 5-2: M Bustrand (Swe) bt C Barbos (Switz), 6-2, 6-4; A Framer bt S Rehe, 6-1, 6-0; M Werdel bt L McNell, 6-1, 6-0.

Habler bt 3 Hane, b-1, 6-1; w vertice or L. McNel, 5-1, 6-0.

ANTWERP: European community charge-lonester first wound: A Manactori (sr; b) T. Mayotte (first), 6-3, 3-6, 8-3; P. Cash (Aus.) bt R. Fromberg (Aus), 7-5, 4-6, 8-4; H. Lecones (fr) bt O Prof. (Yug), 6-3, 6-4, J. Hasseth, (Switz) bt F. Davin (Arg), 6-1, 6-2, 5-4, J. Hasseth, (Switz) bt F. Davin (Arg), 6-1, 6-2, 5-3, 6-4.

PLIMERSTADT, Germany: Women's tournament First resued: G Sabsaire (Arg) bt J. Halset (Fr), 6-4, 6-3; J. Nosoma (Ca) by P. Etchymenty (Fr), 6-4, 6-0; J. Wissner (Austra) bt I. Golerne (fil., 6-2, 6-4; M. Paz (Arg) bt J. P. Etchymenty (Fr), 6-4, 6-4; N. Wissner (Austra) bt I. Golerne (fil., 6-2, 6-4; R. Hartzark (US) bt K. Oeljakfaus (figer), 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; S. Rimner (Ger) bt M. Sollegar (Neth), 5-2, 4-5, 3-1 for t. D van Remburg (SA) bt C. Kohde (Ger), 1-6, 6-4, 6-2, Saccad roundt K. Maisewa (Bur) bt C. Porwik (Ger), 6-3, 8-1.

BRENTWOOD: European Women's Lasgue: England bt Franca, 4-3 )English names first: A Hott or A Letanic, 21-12, 23-21; L. Lomes lost to Wang Macring, 19-21, 21-19, 17-21; A Gordon bt E Coubet, 21-17, 18-21, 27-13; Lomes and Holt logs to Wang and Coubet, 16-21, 15-21; Not lost to Wang, 10-21, 21-17, 11-21; Gordon bt Lelianc, 17-21, 21-12; Lomes bt Coubet, 21-9, 21-19. **SQUASH RACKETS** 

TORONTO: Casadian Open cirumpionethip: First round: P Marshall (GB) bt Mr Zaman Gdi (Pak), 15-10, 15-8, 15-10; D Harms (GB) bt R Gentren (GB), 15-3, 15-12, 15-6, 11-15, 11-15, 15-7; 15-12; 15-6, 15-10; D Harms (GB) bt A Screiber (Aus), 15-12, 10-15, 11-15, 15-7; 5-12; A Adarraga (SB) bt A Bell (Aus) 15-12, 15-8, 15-11; D March and (GB) bt A HBI (Aus) 15-12, 15-8, 15-11; C District (Aus) bt Olderdings (GB), 15-7, 15-12, 15-8, T Nancarrow (Aus) 8: School Casser (Pak), 15-8, 15-11, 15-7; B Martin (Aus) bt P Carter (GB), 15-12, 16-6, 11-15, 15-8.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NRL): Detroit Red Wings 3, Chicago Black Hewise 2: New York Lebradors 4, Wannapa Jass 1; Philadelphas Piyers 5, Pittsburgh Penguens 1; Harriord Whallers 1, Curebec Nordques 1 (OT); St Louis Blues 5, Edmorton Gliers 2. RACKET SPORTS CLUB MATCH: Tennis and Rackets Association from with Jesters, 1-1 (T and RA names first). Read teacher: A snow and J Burners bit M Rowen and R Lawrence. 6-4, 6-5; Brig A Myrde and P Williamson lost to W Meithy and 2 Sharpe. 4-5, 4-6; Recters: P Darby and D Maccioneid lost to P Nicks and A Stahl, 15-11, 8-15. 14-17, 11-15; S Kwennola and P Hastman by J Syrconds and R Hollington, 16-8, 15-7, 16-7.

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCH: Gloucester 45. Cheltenham SCHOOLS MATCHES: King's, By 10, Stambards Notsingham HS 9, Rugby 6, The Leye 0, Beloop's Sprotted 17.

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP-Dundee 19. Aberdeen 3; Giosgow 8. St. Ancrives 19. Edmourgh 10, Sering 7, Strast-chot-3, Heriot Watt 3.

THE British yacht, Rothmans, was favoured to be first to finish associated Asia Pacific champ-

associated Asia Pacific championship from December 14. rie Smith, will have substantially the same crew with which she was fourth in the Whitbread Round the World Race.

 Among those to have signed up for support from the race office for the 1993 Whitbread Round the World Race are Rothmans and Martin Moody. from Southampton, who has formed a syndicate to build a

# Egyptian Aldridge brings down an empire coach loses his position

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football federation yesterday dismissed Mahmoud elsummer's World Cup finals

for the first time in 56 years. The federation said it had the coach, aged 52, said: "I did not submit a resignation . . .

national team defender, Ibra- deciding qualification. him Hassan, 24, for hitting the

The Greek national team defeated the Egyptians 6-1 in the Athens game. Federation Ireland have been well sources said the debacle was documented, was almost the main reason behind elequally pleased afterwards. Gohary's downfall.

The federation announcement on his departure gave no reason."The federation has accepted Coach Mahmoud el-Gohary's resignation and thanks him for all his efforts during the elimination rounds and the finals of the World
Cup," Mohammed Khalil elDib, the federation's general

Individually, Aldridge was
not the only player who could
take satisfaction from the manager, told reporters.

Egypt, in a strong group, surprised mamy with a credit-able performance in the Townsend were their usual World Cup finals in Italy. It solid selves, playing major was eliminated in the first roles in subduing Turkey, round, but drew with the while the relatively inexperipowerful Netherlands team 1- enced Sheridan and Irwin being ousted in a 1-0 defeat hy creatively

governing council, the federation's el-Dib gave no details of for a long time the perfor-el-Gohary's departure, but mance left a lot to be desired. went on to announce the There was little to suggest that

Gohary challenged the verac-ity of the federation and Bull or Barnes could do to anoouncement." I did not sub-a slow-turning ceotral defence, mit a resignation, and the giving Charlton something to couocil should have had the three weeks. courage to dismiss me." elGohary said. "I was doing my
Piootek, the Turkish manager, job honestly. I never contem- had remarked that his side's

summer, he was upset over catcalls and boos from the Cairo stadium stands during a World Cup warm-up match thing to do with the Turkish and resigned. Federation officials talked him into back to the Ottoman Empire, withdrawing the resignation. he remarked.

El-Gohary also expressed resentment over Cairo news- unlikely to occur to Charlton, paper criticism of what writers or several other English manregarded as flawed strategy in World Cup matches.

The federation was said to pire is an Istanhul music-hall. have been unhappy with the There was soon supporting World Cup performance and evidence for Piontek's belief was shocked by the heavy in an inferiority complex, as a

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From Peter Ball

Republic of Ireland ..

THREE goals by John Aldridge, who thereby doubled his international total in his

36th game, led Ireland to a Gohary, the coach who took comprehensive victory over the national team to last Turkey in their opening European Championship match here yesterday. With David O'Leary claim

accepted his resignation. But ing his own first international goal and Niall Quinn another, the result took them to the top and I never contemplated of group seven and, perhaps more significantly, gave them The federation also sus- a sizeable advantage should pended for six months the goals become a factor in

"It was a terrific start to the referee at a match in Athens European championship," a against Greece on October 10. beaming Jack Charlton re-Hassan, who plays for the marked afterwards. "It put a Salonika-based Greek club, mark on the goal difference PAOK, participated in Egypt's from the very beginning, and that could be worth a point at Aldridge, whose travails for

Jack has been under pressure to bring new players in, but he kept faith in me and now hopefully I've repaid it," the forward remarked. "I scored one, two, and now three perhaps next time I'll get

performance. O'Leary's delight in his first international l and with Ireland (0-0) before played important roles

England.

Speaking after a meeting of the federation's 21-member

But if the scoreline was ultimately comprehensive as the federation's 21-member

Turkish heads dropped to knee level in the second half, England should be quaking in In remarks to reporters, el- their boots at this result, with Egyptian soccer federation's think about over the next

lack of spirit and conviction The trainer is known as an was his main problem, and the ing away record, which he blamed on a Turkish feeling of inferiority. "This has somementality, and I think it goes

> That sort of explanation is agers who would probably believe that the Ottoman Em

Group seven

REMAINING FOUTURES: 1990: Nov 14: Republic of tretand v England: Turkey v Poland. 1991: Mar 27: England v Republic of Ireland. April 17: Poland v Turkey. May 1: Turkey v England; Republic of Ireland v Potand. Oct 16: England v Turkey; Poland v V Republic of Ireland. Nov 13: Potand v England; Turkey v Republic of Ineland.

seven minutes, suggested that the height of their ambition

Piontek, however, had pinpointed a lack of speed in Ireland's defence as something his side could exploit, and some early breaks by the speedy Sercan and Hami suggested that a positive approach might have been rewarded as McCarthy and O'Leary betrayed their lack of match practice with shaky

defensive work. Bonner was forced to rush from his goal to hack the ball to safety as Sercan accelerated away from McCarthy, and Hami sent his shot just wide. But after 15 minutes any Turkish optimism was dispelled by an act of selfdestruction

The Irish hero was Hughton, who had arrived in Duhlin on Monday for a presentation and been drafted in to the squad then and was only selected when McGrath withdrew an hour before kick-off. The full back came up to send in a fast low drive which slithered out of Engin's grasp for Aldridge to open his account from two yards.

Ireland's defensive problems were not stilled by that goal and one of the crucial moments of the match arrived just after the half-hour as Sercan was sent free on Bonncr. As he went round the goalkeeper he fell and Mr Fredricksson decided that the player had dived. The warning of Irish vulnerability, however, was unavoidable.

Whatever the problems the two Irish centre halves were having defensively, their height made them a potent force in the other penalty area, and after Aldridge had just failed to turn home one McCarthy header, another produced the second goal. McCarthy met Sheridan's free kick, and the ball bounced off a defender to O'Leary, who drove the ball home.

The third goal arrived on the bour as O'Leary sent in Aldridge, and Turkey surrendered meekly. Quinn got the goal he deserved as he met Aldridge's beader down with coruscating volley, and Aldridge claimed the fifth from the penalty spot as his shot was adjudged to have been handled.

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RELAND: P Bonner (Celtic); II brute (Manchester United), S Standson (Liverpool), M McCarthy (Milwal), II O'Leary (Arsenal), C Hoghton (Totherisan Hospout), A Townsend (Chelboa; sub: K Moran (Blachoum Rovers), R Hospiton (Liverpool), N Celtin (Manchester City; sub; A Cascarino, Aston Villa), J Aldridge (Real Sociedad), J Sheridan (Sheffield Wednesday).

TURKEY: Engin (Besiklas); Riza (Besiklas), Tugay (Galabsaray), Kemai (Trabzorspor), Gokhan (Besiklas), Erkan (Ferrerbahos; sub: Tanja (Galabsaray),



Two-horse race: McCarthy, of Ireland, contests the ball with Mandirali, of Turkey, in Dublin

# McGrath future in doubt

From PETER BALL

PAUL McGrath's knees are football. once again undermining the player's career, putting his he returned to Birmingham situation. with the Aston Villa physiotherapist, Jim Walker, a few

minutes after the game ended. McGrath's fitness had been in donbt all week, and he had only been named in the team at midday yesterday. But he was clearly reluctant to take any chance with the problem that has seriously hindered the stage.

career of one of the most

long-term future in some and he wasn't happy with it," doubt. Yesterday, McGrath Jack Charlton, the Republic withdrew from the Republic manager, explained. "He was of Ireland team for the match a bit embarrassed. He gets that against Turkey less than an way. He was a little bit hour before the kick-off, and embarrassed over the whole

> "I asked him to go out and try them, but he didn't want to. I did put a bit of pressure on him to be honest, because of the situation. I only had I6 players, so I wanted him on the bench at least. But he wasn't happy, so we said OK. "It was a bit difficult for me

McGrath refused and in- to write him off, because we

season for Villa under Taylor as they came second in the Football League, and he continued his form in the World Cup finals in Italy, when he was possibly the Republic's best player, even though he was forced to play

out of position. His form for Villa this scason has again been outstanding, but he has increasingly been playing in some pain and how long he can continue to do so must be

richly-gifted players in British stead moved to Astoo Villa, didn't have another midfield football. where the more sensitive han player available. But he wasn't happy and if he wasn't happy with it."

He didn't play and if he wasn't happy and if he wasn't happy and he wasn't happy with it."

He didn't play. That is the managers get wasn't happy and if he wasn't happy and he didn't play. That is the managers get when they let players come to Ireland."

It has been an unhappy week for the player, whose late return to the team hotel after a day off in Dublin had caused a frisson of concern on Monday night, McGrath's reputation for poor time-keeping leading to suspicions about his plans. Eighteen months ago, he had had a series of disciplinary problems with Alex Ferguson and Manchester United had offered to pay up his contract if he agreed to retire at that

# Trainer arrested in drugs enquiry

By RICHARD EVANS

DERMOT Browne. a Lambourn tacehorse trainer and former National Hunt jockey, was being questioned last night by South Yorkshire police investigating the doping of two horses at the Doncaster St Leger meeting last month.

Browne, 29 on Monday week, is the son of Irish trainer Liam Browne and was champion amateur National Hunt ockey in this country in the early Eighties. He was later attached to the famous Dickinson stable and rode Ashley House to fifth place in Cup when Michael Dickinson saddled the first five home. -He was associated with that fine hurdler Browne' Gazet.e. but turned to training in Lambourn after retiring from the saddle in 1989.

South Yorkshire police travelled to Lambourn yesterday and said that a man had been - arrested. - A - police spokesman said: "A man has been arrested in connection with the interference of racehorses at the Doncaster St Leger race meeting on September 13 and 14. He is presently in custody in Doncaster police station where he is being interviewed by officers investigating the case."

Detective Chief Inspector the inquiry, said: "I have had officers all over the country investigating this matter and I am not saying where this arrest was made. He has only been here for an hour and we are not anticipating that he will be charged this evening."

A .Thames Valley Police spokesman said: "We understand officers from Doncaster, who are handling the inquiry, travelled from Yorkshire to interview a mao today at Lambourn and have gone back to Yorkshire."

Six officers are being employed full time investigating the doping of Norwich and Bravefoot at the Doncaster St Leger meeting last month. Both horses were sent off favourite for their races, but ran badly and were subsequently found to have been drngged with Acetyl-promazine (ACP).

ae commoniv able sedative was on Flying Diva al Yarmonth on September 20. Norwich aroused the suspicion of his trainer Barry Hills after the colt had run below form to finish fourth in the Kiveton Park Stakes at Doncaster on September 13.

Twenty four hours later, Bravefoot ran abysmally to finish last of in the Laurent-Perrier Champagne Stakes. The Dancing Brave colt, trained by Dick Hern, drifted from evens to 11-8 despite several large bets, including one of £10,000.

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Flying Diva, also trained by Hills, was friendless in the market at Yarmouth in the three-horse Norfolk Fillies Stakes and finished a wellbeaten third. The trainer had expected the horse to win but Michael Hills, son of the trainer and the horse's jockey. reported that the filly had run

very dead race. The police took over the investigation following preliminary inquiries by the Jockey Cluh's security department.

Bravefoot has not raced ince the incident, but Norwich demoastrated he had suffered no long-term damage

by finishing second in a race in France on Sunday. Browne's estranged wife, Carol, confirmed that police wanted to interview him about the allegations. She said: He's got oothing to hide. I know him well enough to say that he would never do any-

thing like that. He has no

She added: "I guess the police want to question him because he was at the races at Doncaster, but so were a lot of other trainers. But if he is particularly under suspicion, I would not know why. I

# Faldo claims first | Yorkshire to debate players with PGA award

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Championship this year. The Player of the Year

award is given to the leading PGA Tour player, based on slowly. his tournament wins, official

Faldo accumulated 110 points, by virtue of securing 30 points each for his wins in the Masters and the Open, and championships in the same 1982, 1984).
year. He comfortably finished ahead of Hale Inning the same 1982, 1984). Open champion. Greg Nor- aware the Nabisco Champman and Wayne Levi, in spite ionship remains to be played points from the other two sections as he is not a member of the US PGA Tour.

"Winniog the award is made all the more pleasurable

NICK Faldo has become the from the knowledge that I first non-American golfer to have achieved something that win the coveted PGA of no other non-American has," America Player of the Year Faldo said. "It's come at a nice award, following his victories time, too, because I only in the Masters and the Open resumed practising this week after one month without hitting a ball. Things are going well although I'm taking it

Ben Hogan became in 1948 money standing and scoring the first player to receive the award, since when other winners have included Sam Snead (1949), Arnold Palmer (1960, 1962), Jack Nicklaus (1967, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976), Lee Trevino (1971) and Tom Wat-

of not being eligible to win on the 1990 US PGA Tour but mathemetically Nick cannot be overtaken. It is a marvel-lous achievement for him."

McNulty's return, page 38

# By MARTIN SEARBY

in some doubt.

YORKSHIRE County Cricket Cluh has taken steps in the debate about whether it should sign an outsider, it was revealed yesterday, and the cricket committee's recommendations will be discussed at next month's meeting of the full committee. Brian Walsh, QC, the club

chairman, gave the im-pression the matter had not neen discussed following Tuesday's meeting but yesterday, Tony Vann, a member for Leeds, put the record straight

"I wrote to the chairman requesting we discuss the overseas issue, but my letter crossed with the agenda going out," Vann said. "It was never my intention

that the general committee should take a decision on Tuesday, but I wanted the cricket committee to meet with Steve Oldham, our manager, and Martyn Moxon, the captain, and report back in November when the full meeting could reject or accept their viewpoint. This course of

action was agreed on

discussion about reducing the size of the committee from an unwieldy 23 to a more manageable 12, with only a quarter being former players, along the lines of Lancashire's structure. "I hope the grass-roots membership will make their views known," Vann said.

"It is unlikely that any committee would vote itself out of office, but clearly something must be done. This is a vital winter when we must grasp the nettic to arrest a decline which has seen memhership drop from 13,700 in 1978 to the current

Among the matters causing concern are the appointmen of a chief executive and commercial manager and a renegotiation of the lease of the Headingley ground to give Yorkshire a genuine opportunity of generating income off the field.

Following Tuesday's meet-ing, the chairman criticised It will be on the agenda for Yorkshire supporters, accus-November 27, along with a ing them of being "fair-weather fans" He added: "Any Yorkshire

> chance to prove themselves, but to expect overnight success is unrealistic." ● A memorial service for Sir Leonard Hutton, the former Yorkshire president, player and England captain will be held in York Minster at noon

members worth their salt will

want to give our youngsters a

on November 16. The Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt Rev David Sheppard, a former colleague of Sir Leonard's in the England team of the early Fifties, will give the address.

England set out, page 38 Haslam invited The double world champion Ron Haslam, will be a guest for the JPS Norton team in the

wouldn't know the reason.

# Big Ben tolls the time and at first stroke it is 10

BEN Johnson, who is less than three months away from his first race since completing a two-year ban for money on your car insurance call: drug-taking, believes that he will return as competitive as ever. "I am very confident about making a successful comeback," he said. "I'm tougher than anyone thinks. I will

> The Canadian, who was stripped of his 100 metres Olympic gold medal and 9.79sec world record which he set in Seoul in September 1988, will appear to competition for the first time in the Hamilton Indoor Games on January 11.

"No one can run under 9.9sec

looking to run faster than that, By

DAVID POWELL on a leading coach's assessment of Ben Johnson's approach to returning to the track

the time the outdoor seasoo is finished in 1991, I'll be running faster than ten flat."

Only Leroy Burrell, of the United States, has run faster than 10sec this year. Britain's European champion, Linford Christie, recorded 10.02 and Carl Lewis, who became Olympic champion in Johnson's place,

Johnson, whose aspirations are published in an interview in today's Athletics Today, also has high hopes for the 200 metres. In this event, he suggests, one Johnson may have to give way to another, Michael Johnson, of the United States, is the new sensation of half-lap running, but the Canadian said: "My 200 metres is also still there."

Ben Johnson is interviewed by Mike Hurst, coach to Darren Clark, the Commonwealth 400 metres champion, and his first-hand observations of the athlete's training are therefore worth ooting. "The strength which distinguished the Jamaican-born Canadian ... is almost as impressive now as it was on September 24, 1988," Hurst

"Unchanged is Big Ben's pro-digious strength, which is the foundation of both his explosive start and the erect posture and

technique which facilitated his exhilarating sprinting.

"After blasting out a sequence of

short acceleration runs on the synthetic track at the University of Toronto, Johnson headed indoors to the gymnasium. A hush fell over the room as he did a single benchpress using a bar weighted with 166kg. It was the biggest load he had lifted since Seoul, a great lift for a

man weighing only 78.5kg.
"In Seoul, Johnson miscalculated the conversion from imperial to metric weight and loaded the bench-press bar with a personal best 189kg. Johnson dismisses that level of strength as unnecessary to his

pursuit of Lewis's accredited world 100m record of 9.92sec. "I don't want to get back up to 403lb (183kg) in bench press. I just need a few repetitions at 365lb (166kg), three or four, by the time I race indoors in January.

"When I bench-press 365lb, I know in my mind that I baven't lost nothing and that's a big plus. When the mind knows that the body is powerful you can go into a competition knowing the mind wouldn't try to back down and be afraid of what you're running. When my strength levels are up; everything else flows from that. Then I am afraid of nobody.""

**churchill** 

On line to serve you added. "Ten flat is in reach but I'm